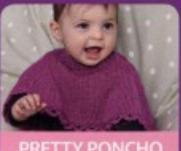
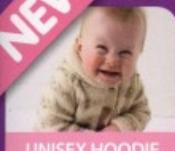


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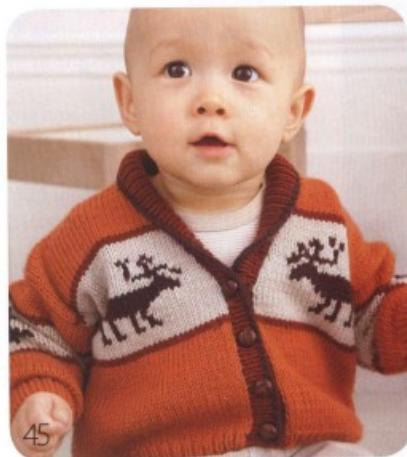
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Sweet pea

Put your knitting skills to the test with this gorgeous set. Val Pierce's frilly cardigan with pretty ribbon ties and matching flower hat are just right for little girls

This sweet set is worked in Sirdar Snuggly Kisses DK yarn, which creates a fabric decorated with delicate stripes – they simply appear as you knit. Reversed stocking stitch is used for most of the cardigan, and the unusual frilled edge makes it more than a little bit special! This is a project for experienced knitters, or those looking for a challenge. It will cost you £10.86 to buy the yarn for the set, which we think represents excellent value for money.



About the yarn

SIRDAR SNUGGLY KISSES DK

55% nylon, 45% acrylic

50g/165m

Machine washable at 40°C

£3.62 from Sirdar stockists

www.sirdar.co.uk

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CARDI & HAT *

Watch the stripes on this
hat and cardi appear
before your very eyes!

MAKE
A CUTE
SET FOR
BABY



You will need

- 3x50g balls Sirdar Snuggly Kisses DK in Princess Pink shade 75B
- 1m (1yd) narrow pink satin ribbon
- 5 small pink heart buttons
- 3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) and 3.75mm (UK 9/US 5) knitting needles
- 3.5mm (UK 9/US 4) crochet hook

Size

- To fit newborn-3 month old baby: chest size 46cm (18in), length 26cm (10in), sleeve length 5cm (2in)

Tension

- 22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) square over reversed stocking stitch, on 3.75mm needles

Note

- The large number of stitches that are cast on will be decreased over the 12-row border pattern

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 89

In the detail ...

You'll find the abbreviations you need for the crocheted flowers on page 89. For help working the stitches, visit www.knit-today.com



CARDI

BACK

Using 3.75mm needles, cast on 159 sts. Work border pattern as follows:

- Row 1:** (RS) P3, *k9, p3*, rep from * to * to end.
 - Row 2:** K3, *p9, k3*, rep from * to * to end.
 - Row 3:** P3, *ybk, sl1, k1, pss0, k5, k2tog, p3*, rep from * to * to end.
 - Row 4:** K3, *p7, k3*, rep from * to * to end.
 - Row 5:** P3, *ybk, sl1, k1, pss0, k3, k2tog, p3*, rep from * to * to end.
 - Row 6:** K3, *p5, k3*, rep from * to * to end.
 - Row 7:** P3, *ybk, sl1, k1, pss0, k1, k2tog, p3* rep from * to * to end.
 - Row 8:** K3, *p3, k3*, rep from * to * to end.
 - Row 9:** P3, *ybk, sl1, k2tog, pss0, p3*, rep from * to * to end (55 sts).
 - Row 10:** K3, *p1, k3*, rep from * to * to end.
 - Row 11:** P3, *k1, p3*, rep from * to * to end.
 - Row 12:** As row 10.
- Now work in reversed st st as follows:
- Row 1:** (RS) Purl.
 - Row 2:** Knit.
- Continue in reversed st st until work measures 15cm (6in), ending on a knit row.
- ### Shape raglans
- Cast off 2 at beginning of the next 2 rows (51 sts).
- Next row: K1, sl1, k1, pss0, purl to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.
- Next row:** K1, p1, knit to last 2 sts, p1, k1. Repeat last 2 rows until 19 sts remain, ending on a WS row. Leave sts on a stitch holder.

LEFT FRONT

*Using 3.75mm needles cast on 75 sts.

Work border pattern as follows:

- Row 1:** (RS) P3, *k9, p3*, rep from * to * to end.
 - Row 2:** K3, *p9, k3*, rep from * to * to end.
 - Row 3:** P3, *ybk, sl1, k1, pss0, k5, k2tog, p3*, rep from * to * to end.
 - Row 4:** K3, *p7, k3*, rep from * to * to end.
 - Row 5:** P3, *ybk, sl1, k1, pss0, k3, k2tog, p3*, rep from * to * to end.
 - Row 6:** K3, *p5, k3*, rep from * to * to end.
 - Row 7:** P3, *ybk, sl1, k1, pss0, k1, k2tog, p3*, rep from * to * to end.
 - Row 8:** K3, *p3, k3*, rep from * to * to end.
 - Row 9:** P3, *ybk, sl1, k2tog, pss0, p3*, rep from * to * to end. 27 sts.
 - Row 10:** K3, *p1, k3*, rep from * to * to end.
 - Row 11:** P3, *k1, p3*, rep from * to * to end.
 - Row 12:** As row 10. (27 sts).
- Continue in reversed st st until front measures same as back to beg of raglan shaping, ending on a WS row. **
- ### Shape raglans
- Cast off 2 at beg of next row (25 sts).

Knit 1 row.

Next row: K1, sl1, k1, pss0, purl to end.

Next row: Knit to last 2 sts, p1, k1. Rep last 2 rows until 16 sts remain, ending on RS row.

SHAPE NECK

Next row: Cast off 4 sts, knit to last 2 sts, p1, k1. Continue to dec 1 st at raglan edge as before and at the same time dec 1 st at neck edge on the next and 2 following alt rows (6 sts). Dec 1 st at raglan edge only on every following alt row until 2 sts remain, ending on a WS row. Next row: Sl1, k1, pss0, and fasten off.

RIGHT FRONT

Work as left front from ** to ** BUT end on a RS row.

Shape raglan

Cast off 2 sts at beg of next row (25 sts).

Next row: Purl to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: K1, p1, knit to end.

Now continue as for left front but reversing neck shapings and working k2tog in place of sl1, k1, pss0.

SLEEVES

Make two alike.

Using 3.75mm needles cast on 42 sts.

Work 3 rows in garter stitch.

Work 4 rows in reversed st st.

Next row: K2, *yfwd, k2tog, k1*, rep from * to * to last st, k1.

Work 5 rows in reversed st st, ending on a WS row.

Shape raglans

Cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows (38 sts).

Next row: K1, sl1, k1, pss0, purl to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: K1, p1, knit to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows until 6 sts remain, ending on a WS row. Leave sts on a stitch holder. Join raglan seams on front, sleeves and back.

RIGHT FRONT BAND

With RS facing and 3.25mm needles, pick up and knit 64 sts evenly along right front, working from base to neck and beginning just above the border pattern. Work 3 rows in garter stitch.

Buttonhole row: Knit 4, (yfwd, k2tog, k1) 4 times, yfwd, k2tog, k10.

Work 2 rows in garter stitch. Cast off firmly.

LEFT FRONT BAND

Work as Right Front Band but commence at neck edge when picking up the stitches, and omit the buttonholes.

NECKBAND

With RS facing and 3.25mm needles, pick up and knit 5 sts along top of right front band, 10 sts up side of neck, knit 6 sts from right sleeve, 19 sts from back, 6 sts from left sleeve, pick up and knit 10 sts down other side of neck and then 5 sts from left front band (61 sts).

Work 3 rows in garter stitch.

Next row: K3, yfwd, k2tog, knit to end.

Work 4 more rows in garter stitch.

Cast off firmly.

HAT

Using 3.75mm needles cast on 84 sts.

Work 6 rows in garter stitch.

Work 26 rows in reversed st st.

Now proceed to shape the top as follows:

Row 1: K3, (k2tog, k4) 13 times, k2tog, k1 (70 sts).

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: K2, (k2tog, k3) 13 times, k2tog, k1 (56 sts).

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: K1, (k2tog, k2) 13 times, k2tog, k1 (42 sts).

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: (K2tog, k1) 14 times (28 sts).

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: (K2tog) 14 times (14 sts).

Break yarn and run through remaining sts, draw up tight and secure.

CROCHET FLOWERS

Make two of each size.

Large flowers

**Using 3.5mm crochet hook make 6 ch, join with a sl st into a circle.

Next round: (6ch, 1dc into circle) 6 times (6 petals).**

Next round: Sl st into first 6 ch sp, 3ch, 3tr into same 6 ch sp, sl st into next dc, (4tr into 6 ch sp, sl st into next dc) 5 times. Fasten off.

Small flowers

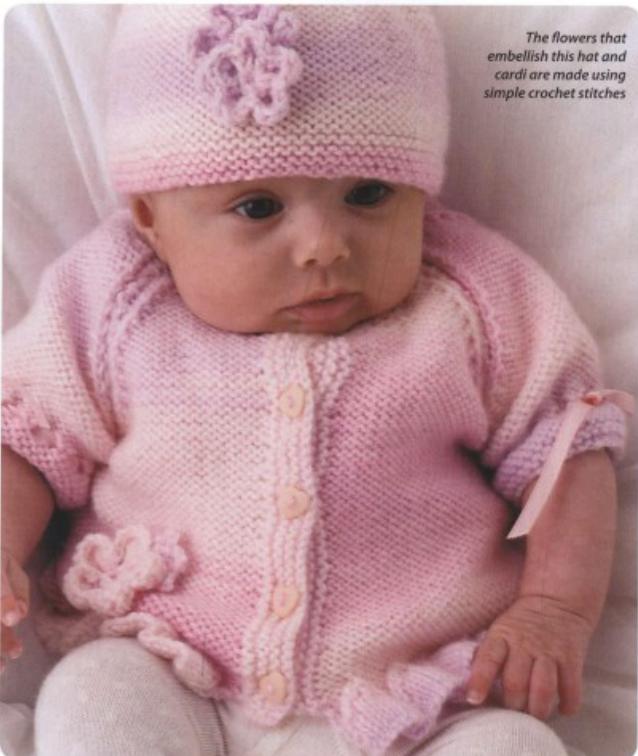
Work as for large flower from ** to **. Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Work in any ends on all pieces of knitting. Sew the side and sleeve seams on the cardigan.

Sew 2 flowers, 1 large and 1 small onto front of cardigan, as shown in photograph. Sew on buttons to correspond with the buttonholes.

Cut the ribbon into two equal lengths, thread through the holes on the sleeves, and tie in a neat bow. Sew up the back seam on the hat. Fold the hat in half with the seam at the centre back. Attach flowers, 1 large and 1 small to one side of the hat, to finish.



The flowers that embellish this hat and cardi are made using simple crochet stitches



Try using ribbon and buttons in a contrasting colour, and a different colour yarn for the crochet flower

More ideas...

For more beautiful knits in the softest of yarns, see *Cutest Ever Baby Knits* by Val Pierce. Love Knitting readers pay just £7.49 (rp £9.99), with free UK p&p – visit www.newhollandpublishers.com or call 01206 255800 and quote 'Love Knitting Baby'. Offer ends 20th January 2012, while stocks last.





Peter Penguin

Baby will want to take Peter everywhere, including the bath! Bring him to life using Laura Long's adorable design

You can use any DK wool of your choice to make this cuddly polar penguin. So, if you have some in your stash already, you can get started on it straight away! Peter Penguin is knitted in simple shapes so there's not too much sewing up to do afterwards – good news for beginners.

It's quite a simple project, but you'll need to practise your intarsia technique for the colouring, particularly wrapping the colours round each other where they change, to prevent holes appearing between shades. Be sure to use plenty of stuffing so that Peter looks nice and plump when he's finished.



You'll find the penguin easier to stuff if you sew in all the ends first. Insert small amounts of stuffing at a time, to give a better shape



PENGUIN TOY *

*Sweet Peter Penguin is
surprisingly easy to
knit and sew together*





You will need

- 1x50g ball 100% wool DK in black (A)
- 1x50g ball 100% wool DK in white (B)
- Small amount of yarn in yellow (C)
- 4mm (UK 8/US 3) and 3.75mm (UK 9/US 5) knitting needles
- 3.25mm (UK 9/US E4) crochet hook

Size

• 18cm (7in) tall

Tension

• 22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) square over reversed stocking stitch, using 3.75mm needles

Note

Peter is knitted from the head down

Abbreviations

For standard abbreviations see page 89

It's in the detail

'Kfb' is an abbreviation used in this pattern, which stands for Knit Front and Back. It's sometimes referred to as a Bar Increase and k1fb& (knit 1 front & back). To work, knit a stitch. Leaving the stitch on the left needle, knit into the back loop of this stitch.



PETER PENGUIN

HEAD AND BODY

Cast on 9 sts using yarn A and 4mm needles.

Row 1: (kfb, k1) 4 times, k1.

Row 2: P.

Row 3: (kfb, k1, kfb) 4 times, k1.

Row 4: P.

Row 5: (kfb, k3, kfb) 4 times, k1.

Row 6: P.

Row 7: (kfb, k5, kfb) 4 times, k1.

Row 8: P.

Row 9: (kfb, k7, kfb) 4 times, k1. 45 sts.

Row 10: P.

Beg colour changes.

Row 11: (A) k16, (B) k13, (A) k16.

Row 12: (A) p15, (B) p15, (A) p15.

Row 13: (A) k14, (B) k17, (A) k14.

Row 14: (A) p13, B p19, A p13.

Row 15: (A) k12, B k21, A k12.

Row 16: A p11 B p23, A p11.

Row 17: A k11, B k23, A k11.

Row 18: A p12, B p21, A p12.

Row 19: A k13, B k19, A k13.

Row 20: A p14, B p17, A p14.

Row 21: A k15, B k15, A k15.

Row 22: A p16, B p13, A p16.

Row 23: A k.

Row 24: P.

Row 25: (k2tog, k7, k2tog) 4 times, k1.

Row 26: P.

Row 27: (k2tog, k5, k2tog) 4 times, k1. 29 sts.

Row 28: P.

Row 29: (kfb, k1) rep to last st, kfb, 44 sts.

Row 30: P.

Row 31: A k18, B k8, A k18.

Row 32: A p17, B p10, A p17.

Row 33: A k16, B k12, A k16.

Row 34: A p15, B p14, A p15.

Row 35: A k13, B k7, K k7, kfb, k7, A k13, kfb.

Row 36: A p14, B p20, A p14.

Row 37: A k13, B k22, A k13.

Row 38: A p12, B p24, A p12.

Row 39: A kfb, k10, B k12, kfb, kfb, k12, A k10,

kfb, 52 sts.

Row 40: A p11, B p30, A p11.

Row 41: A k10, B k32, A k10.

Row 42: A p9, B p34, A p9.

Row 43: A k8, B k36, A k8.

Row 44: A p7, B p38, A p7.

Row 45: A k6, B k40, A k6.

Row 46: A p5, B p42, A p5.

Row 47: A k4, B k44, A k4.

Row 48: A p3, B p46, A p3.

Row 49: A k2, B k48, A k2.

Row 50: B p.

Row 51: K.

Row 52: P.

Row 53: (k2tog, k9, skpo) 4 times.



Row 54: P.

Row 55: (k2tog, k7, skpo) 4 times.

Row 56: P.

Row 57: (k2tog, k5, skpo) 4 times.

Row 58: P.

Row 59: (k2tog, k3, skpo) 4 times.

Row 60: P.

Row 61: (k2tog, k1, skpo) 4 times. 12 sts.

Row 62: P.

Thread yarn through rem sts.

BEAK (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 3 sts using yarn C and 4mm needles.

Row 1: K1, kfb, kfb.

Row 2: P.

Row 3: K2, kfb, kfb, k1.

Row 4: P.

Row 5: K3, kfb, kfb, k2.

Row 6: P.

Row 7: K4, kfb, kfb, k3. 11 sts.

Row 8: P.

Bind off.

WINGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 3 sts using yarn A and 4mm needles.

Row 1: K1, kfb, kfb.

Row 2: P.

Row 3: K2, kfb, kfb, k1.

Row 4: P.

Increasing twice in the centre of each row.

Cont until there are 17 sts.

Row 14: P.

Cont in st st for 8 rows.

Row 23: K2tog each end of row.

Row 24: P2tog each end of row.

Rep these 2 rows until there are 3 sts.

P3tog.

Tie off yarn.



When you join a new colour to your work, secure the loose end to the original colour (at the start of a row or during it), with a small, flat knot (not too tight), to keep the surrounding stitches neat

FEET (MAKE 2)

Cast on 3 sts using yarn C and 4mm needles.

Row 1: Kfb, kfb, k1.

Row 2: P.

Row 3: K1, kfb, kfb, k2.

Row 4: P.

Row 5: K2, kfb, kfb, k3.

Row 6: P.

Row 7: K3, kfb, kfb, k4.

Row 8: P.

Row 9: K4, kfb, kfb, k5.

Row 10: P.

Row 11: K5, skpo, k1, k2tog, k5.

Row 12: P.

Row 13: K5, skpo, k1, k2tog, k5.

Row 14: P.

Row 15: K4, skpo, k1, k2tog, k4.

Row 16: P.

Row 17: K3, skpo, k1, k2tog, k3.

Row 18: P.

Row 19: K2, skpo, k1, k2tog, k2.

Row 20: P.

Row 21: K1, skpo, k1, k2tog, k1.

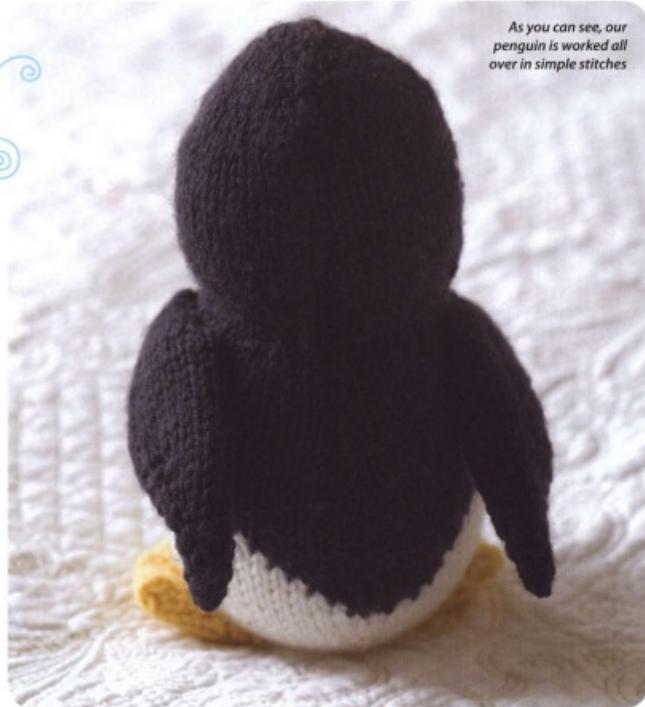
Row 22: P5tog.

Tie off yarn.

MAKING UP

BODY

Fold the body in half with knit sides (right sides) together. Sew the body up from each end, leaving a gap of approximately 3cm (1 1/4in) in the middle. Turn the body the right way out so that the knit sides (right sides) are on the outside. Fill the toy with stuffing. Sew up the 3cm (1 1/4in) gap.



As you can see, our penguin is worked all over in simple stitches

FEET

Fold the feet in half and sew round the edges. Position the feet on the base of the penguin's body and sew them on tightly.

WINGS

Fold the wings in half and sew round the edges. Position the wings on each side of the body, just below the neck, with the pointed part of the wings facing downwards.

BEAK

Sew the two sides together and fill with stuffing. Position the beak correctly at the bottom of the white part of the penguin's face. Sew on tightly.

FINISHING TOUCHES

Embroider the eyes using black yarn (as shown in the photo).

More ideas...

Find more great toys in *Knitted Toy Tales* by Laura Long. Love Knitting readers can buy it for just £6.50 (mp £14.99), including free UK p&p. Call 0844 880 5852 or visit www.mincraft.co.uk and quote R11431. Offer ends 20th January 2012, while stocks last.



Cuddly as a bear

Your baby will be the coolest kid on the block in this hoodie from Val Pierce, suitable for both boys and girls

You may not think it possible, but dress your baby in this cute hoodie and they'll look even more adorable! It's knitted in two of Sirdar's most popular baby yarns, Snuggly DK and Snuggly Tiny Tots DK, which is punctuated with coloured neps to provide texture. Both yarns will keep their quality through repeated washing and tumble drying.

The pattern for this hoodie is fairly easy to follow, but you'll need to concentrate when changing between the contrasting yarns for the hood edging. Be sure to twist the yarns together when you're changing shades, to prevent holes from appearing in your work.

About the yarns

SIRDAR SNUGGLY DK

55% nylon, 45% acrylic

50g/165m

Machine washable at 40°C

£3.33 from Sirdar stockists

www.sirdar.co.uk

01924 231682

SIRDAR SNUGGLY TINY TOTS DK

90% acrylic, 10% polyester

50g/137m

Machine washable at 40°C

£3.62 from Sirdar stockists

www.sirdar.co.uk

01924 231682



*Treat your little one to
their sweetest gift yet:
this textured hoodie*





You will need

- 2x50g balls Sirdar Snuggly DK in Oatmeal shade 344 (A)
- 3x50g balls Sirdar Snuggly Tiny Tots DK in Stone shade 957 (B)
- Oddments of brown and black DK for the animal applique
- 3.75mm (UK 9/US 5) and 4mm (UK 8/US 6) knitting needles
- 5 animal buttons
- Safety pin

Size

- To fit a 6-12 month old baby: chest 56cm (22in), length from back of neck 31cm (12in), sleeve length 16cm (6½in)

Tension

- 24 sts and 28 rows to 10cm (4in) square, on 3.75mm needles

Note

- Strand yarns not in use loosely up the side of the work when working st st stripes

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 89

It's in the detail

You'll use garter stitch to knit the cute teddy bear embellishment on this hoodie.



TEDDY HOODIE

BACK

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 67 sts. Work in moss stitch as follows:

Row 1: (RS) K1, *p1, k1*, rep from * to * to end.

Row 2: K1, *p1, k1*, rep from * to * to end.

These 2 rows form moss stitch.

Continue in moss st for a further 10 rows, ending on a WS row.

Change to 4mm needles, st st and work in st st stripes as follows: 6 rows in yarn B, 6 rows in yarn A.

Continue in st st stripes for a further 24 rows, ending on last row of 6th stripe. Work will measure approx 15cm (6in) in length. Adjust length here if needed. But make sure that you end each piece of the jacket on the same row, to facilitate continuity of the pattern when sewing up.

Shape raglans

Keeping stripes correct, cast off 1 st at beg of next 2 rows (65 sts)

Next row: K2, sl1, k1, pss0, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

Next row: Purl.

Repeat the last 2 rows until 23 sts remain. Cast off.

LEFT FRONT

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 39 sts.

Work in moss stitch as for back for 11 rows.

Row 12: Moss stitch across first 8 sts, slip these stitches onto a safety pin for front band. Moss stitch to end (31 sts).

Change to 4mm needles, and work in st st stripes as for back, until work measures same as back to raglan shaping, ending on a WS row.

Shape raglans

Keeping stripes correct, cast off 1 st at beg of next row (30 sts).

Purl 1 row.

Next row: K2, sl1, k1, pss0, knit to end.

Next row: Purl.

Repeat the last 2 rows until 13 sts remain, ending on a RS row.

Shape neck

Row 1: (WS) Cast off 2 sts, purl to end.

Row 2: K2, sl1, k1, pss0, knit to last 2 st, k2tog.

Row 3: P2tog, purl to end.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 once more (5 sts).

Next row: Knit.

Next row: P3tog, purl 2 (3sts).

Next row: K1, sl1, pss0 (2 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Sl1, k1, pss0 and fasten off.

RIGHT FRONT

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A, cast

on 39 sts.

Work in moss stitch as for back, for 6 rows.

Next row: (Make buttonhole) moss stitch 3 sts, cast off 2 sts, moss stitch to end.

Next row: Moss stitch to end but cast on 2 sts above the cast off sts of previous row. Work in moss stitch for 2 more rows.

Row 11: Moss stitch 8 sts, slip onto a safety pin for front border, moss stitch to end (31 sts).

Row 12: Moss stitch to end.

Change to 4mm needles and work to match left front reversing shapings, working 1 row more before start of raglan shaping and working k2tog instead of sl1, k1, pss0 at raglan shaping until 14 sts remain, ending on a WS row.

Shape neck

Row 1: (RS) Cast off 2 sts, knit to last 4 st, k2tog, k2.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: K2tog, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

Row 4: Purl.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 once more (5 sts).

Next row: K3tog, k2 (3 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2tog, k1 (2 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2tog and fasten off.

SLEEVES

Make two alike.

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 33 sts.

Work moss stitch as for back for 18 rows.

Change to 4mm needles, and work in st st stripes as before, increasing 1 st at each end of the needle on the 5th row and then every following 6th row, until there are 43 sts.

Continue straight for 7 rows, ending on last row of 6th stripe. Your work will measure approx 16cm (6½in).

Adjust the length of your work here to match the back piece, if required.

Shape raglans

Keeping stripes correct, cast off 1 stitch at beg of next 2 rows (31 sts).

Row 3: K2, sl1, k1, pss0, to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: Purl.

Repeat the last 4 rows 4 times more, then rep rows 3 and 4 only until 9 sts remain. Cast off.

HOOD

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 42 sts, join in A and cast on 13 sts (55 sts).

Work in st st stripes as before, but keeping 13 sts at end of row in moss stitch as follows (note: twist yarns together when changing to stop

holes and use a separate ball of yarn A when needed:

Row 1: (RS) Using yarn B, k42 sts, using yarn A moss stitch 13 sts.

Row 2: Using yarn A, moss stitch 13, using yarn B, p42.

Continue, working stripes of yarn A and B as before, keeping the 13 sts moss stitch border correct. When you have completed 15 stripes in all, cast off.

BUTTON AND BUTTONHOLE BANDS

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A, return to the stitches on stitch holder of the left front.

Continue working in moss stitch until the band, when slightly stretched, fits up the side of the left front to neck shaping. Cast off in pattern.

Using 3.75mm needles, return to stitches on holder of right front. Continue in moss stitch, working buttonholes with approximately 20 rows between, until 5 button holes in all have been worked.

Work 4 more rows. Cast off.

TEDDY MOTIF

Face

Worked in garter stitch.

Using 3.75mm needles and brown yarn, cast on 8 sts. Knit 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next and every following alt row, until there are 16 sts.

Knit 10 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and every following alt row until there are 10 sts remaining.

Knit 2 rows and cast off.

Mask

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 2 sts.

Next row:

Purl. Continue in st st and inc 1 st at each end of next and every following alt row until there are 12 sts. Work 5 rows in st st, ending on a purl row.

Next row: K2tog, k2, k2tog, turn.

Next row: P4.

Next row: (K2tog) twice, pass first st over second st and fasten off.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 6 sts, and complete to match first side.

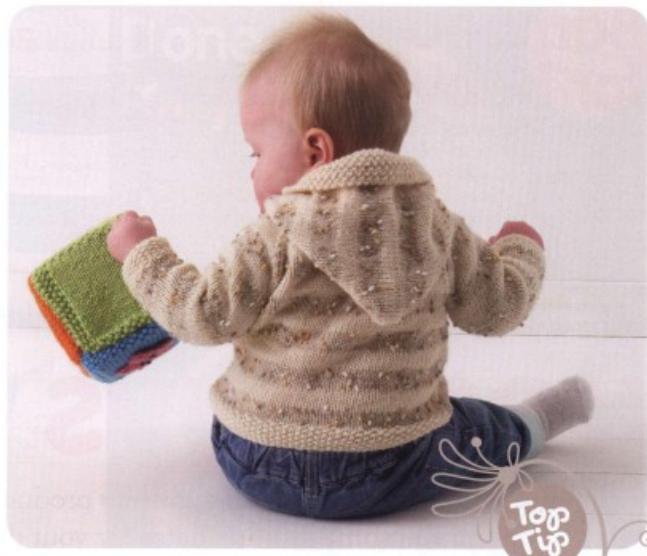
Muzzle

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 3 sts.

Next row:

Purl. Continue in st st and inc 1 st at each end of next and every following alt row until you have 11 sts, ending on a purl row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and every following alt row until 3 sts remain. Cast off.



EARS

Make two alike.

Using 3.75mm needles and brown yarn, cast on 3 sts. Knit 1 row.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row (5 sts).

Knit 4 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row (3 sts).

Knit 1 row. Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Work all the ends in neatly. Join sleeves to back and fronts, matching the stripes as you sew. Join the side and sleeve seams, again matching the stripes. Fold the front edge of hood in half onto right side and catch down at each side. Stitch front bands in place, stretching slightly to give a neat finish. Sew on buttons to correspond with buttonholes.

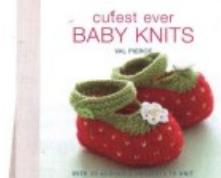
Join back seam of hood. Pin hood around neck edge, beginning and ending 4 stitches in from each front edge of jacket. Sew in place. Take head section of motif and lay flat. Sew mask onto head, easing slightly to get a nice shape. Sew muzzle sideways onto base of mask, adding a tiny bit of yarn as stuffing.

Sew ears to either side of the head, pleating at the base to give shape. Embroider eyes, nose and mouth with black yarn, using the photograph as a guide. Sew the motif very firmly to the front of the hoodie.

When sewing the teddy onto the hoodie, leave the top edge open to make a tiny pocket

More ideas...

Looking for more ways to spoil your little one? Cutest Ever Baby Knits by Val Pierce is packed with patterns for clothes and gifts. Love Knitting readers can buy it for £7.49 (rrp £9.99), with free UK p&p. Call 01206 255800 or visit www.newhollandpublishers.com and quote 'Love Knitting Baby'. Offer ends 20th January 2012, while stocks last.



Bamboo for baby

Super-soft, silky and gorgeous to knit with, Sirdar Baby Bamboo is perfect for baby knits. Bamboo is really gentle on delicate skin and has natural antibacterial properties. Here it's been blended with wool to make a versatile yarn that's ideal for clothing, blankets and toys. At £3.79 for 50g, it comes in a wide range of scrumptious colours to suit every project.

Visit www.sirdar.co.uk or call

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Best buys

Isabel Buxton shares her favourite knitting products with you and brings you some exciting dates for your diary...

Tiny little treasures

If you're a keen toy knitter, Jean Greenhowe's adorable little characters are sure to appeal! *Christmas Treasures* is one of her most seasonal books, packed with 40 pages of fun and festive designs to get your needles clicking. The dinky Dickensian choir members on the cover are just too cute to be true, and there's plenty more inside to tempt you. The book costs £5.75.

Visit www.deramores.com or call
0845 519 4573 to buy



Christmas glitz

For an adorable festive jumper for baby's first Christmas, this soft and shimmery yarn from SMC Select is hard to beat – it's made with a strand of glittery thread running throughout. Dress baby up on Christmas morning in a special cardigan that everyone will admire. SMC Select Extra Soft Merino Opera starts at £5.99 for 50g.

Visit www.coatscrafts.com or call
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Petite purls

If baby knits are your thing (there's a good chance they are if you're reading this!), then you'll adore this free pattern website as much as we do. Petite Purls is packed with fun patterns to knit for kids aged 0-5 years. Ranging from chic classics to items with more of a modern twist, they're fun to browse through, really inspiring and best of all, completely free to download!

Visit www.petitepurls.com to see and download the latest patterns



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More patterns

Making gifts for baby is so much fun, especially when they're as lovely as this! Lynn Rowe's bunting is quick and easy to knit in King Cole's Smooth DK. You'll find the pattern in issue 66 of *Knit Today*, out 27th October 2011. The issue also includes a toy organiser for baby's room, as well as stacks of items for the whole family. *Knit Today* is available in all good newsagents, priced at £4.99.

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Colour stripes made easy

Colourful baby garments look adorable, but they can be tricky to knit, especially when you're on a tight deadline for Christmas! Sirdar's Smiley Stripes yarn is just perfect for adding a flash of colour to tiny hats, cardigans and bootees, with minimum effort.

Available in a wide range of colours, this bamboo and wool blend yarn is soft and cosy against delicate skin. You'll pay around £4.69 for a 50g ball.

Visit www.sirdar.co.uk
or call 01924 231682
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of stockists



Smiley Stripes
100% Bamboo & Wool Blend
50g Ball

Brighten up your projects with no extra effort!

Done for you

If there's just no time to knit that special gift for the little one in your life, fall back on Peababy's sweet alpaca children's wear. The range includes jumpers, cardigans and sweaters, all knitted in the finest UK-spun baby alpaca.

See the full range at www.peababy.co.uk

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Yarnsville

If you enjoy looking for knitting supplies online, Yarnsville is sure to be right up your street. This brand new online store specialises in gorgeous Artesano and Manos del Uruguay yarns, as well as timeless knitting accessories, needles and bags. There are lots of other knitting goodies to discover, so click on www.yarnsville.com today and start spending!



NEWS

Dates for your diary!

Event Great Northern Contemporary Craft Show
Where Quay House, Spinningfields, Manchester
When 20th-23rd October 2011
Book Visit www.greatnorthernevents.co.uk to buy tickets

Event Fibre Flurry
Where St Nicholas Place, Birmingham
When 28-29th October 2011
Book Visit www.fibreflurry.co.uk to buy tickets

Event The Big Knit Show
Where Exeter Corn Exchange
When 13th November 2011
Book Visit www.knitexpo.co.uk to buy tickets

Event The Knitting and Stitching Show
Where Harrogate International Centre
When 24-27th November 2011
Book Visit www.twistedthread.com to buy tickets

New patterns

Who doesn't enjoy adding to their knitting library? Well, here are two essentials for every serious baby knitting addict!

From Sirdar, *Cosy Little Crofters* is priced at £7.49 and is packed with fun knits for tots, all knitted using Sirdar's self-striping Crofter yarn. This soft and cosy washable yarn gives a Fair Isle effect when knitted up – with none of the hassle!

We also love *15 Beginner Knits for Babies* from Patons, which features lots of cute designs knitted in pure wool, Fairytale Colour 4 Me DK. The book is available, priced £6.09. Visit www.deramores.com or call 0845 519 4573 to buy



TREAT
YOURSELF
TO NEW
NEEDLES

Knitting's a whole lot more fun with cheerful needles like these

Needles with flair

Who says that knitting needles have to be made from dull metal or plastic? These decorative wooden ones – handmade in Tasmania by Art Viva – will add a touch of fun and frivolity to your work-in-progress! Prices start at around £7.50 per pair.

Visit www.artviva.biz for stockists

Best for baby

Alpaca is a wonderful choice of fibre for special baby garments, and this luscious 4ply from Artesano ticks all the right boxes. With a soft and luxurious feel, it's available in 20 irresistible colours, from pastels to deep shades, plus one in biscuit brown that stripes as you knit.

To top it all off, it's reasonably priced at around £3.99 for a 50g ball. You get a generous 184m of yarn to a ball, so you'll be able to knit more than you'd expect – lucky baby!

Visit www.artesanoyarns.co.uk or call 0118 950 3350 to find stockists

DESIGNS FROM SIRDAR & PATONS

COSY LITTLE CROFTERS

15 Beginner Knits for Babies

Top: Cosy Little Crofters
 Bottom: Just one design from
 15 Beginner Knits for Babies



Christmas gifts

Make little ones a big part of the celebrations with these baby-friendly knits by Debbie Bliss. They're packed full of festive flair

You can really get into the Christmas spirit with these seasonal projects



**You will need**

- ❖ 2x50g balls Debbie Bliss Rialto Aran in Red (A) and 1 in Ecru (B)
- ❖ 4.5mm (UK 7/US 7) and 5mm (UK 6/US 8) knitting needles
- ❖ 20cm (8in) of ribbon/tape for the hanging loop

Size

- ❖ 46cm (18in) long

Tension

- ❖ 18 sts and 24 rows to 10cm (4in) square, on 5mm needles

Abbreviations

- ❖ For standard abbreviations see page 89



Festive stocking

Worked in festive red and ecru, this Christmas stocking is knitted in, rather aptly, stocking stitch. The majority of it is plain, with decorative colourwork stripes and snowflake motifs kept to a minimum. While it's simple enough to knit up in double-quick time, this stocking is big enough to hold all your surprise gifts and goodies.

CHRISTMAS STOCKING

With 4.5mm needles and A, cast on 65 sts.
K 1 row A, [k 2 rows B, k 2 rows A] twice, k 2 rows B.
Change to 5mm needles.
Beg with a k row, work 4 rows in st st in A,
Cont in st st and work 27 rows from chart 1
(below left) using the Fair Isle method.
Beg with a p row, work 30 rows in st st in A only.
Change to 4.5mm needles.
P 1 row.

SHAPE HEEL**FIRST SIDE**

Next 2 rows: K4, turn, sl 1, p3.
Next 2 rows: K6, turn, sl 1, p5.
Next 2 rows: K8, turn, sl 1, p7.
Cont to work shortened turning rows in this way
until you have worked: K22, turn, sl 1, p21.
Next 2 rows: K18, turn, sl 1, p17.
Next 2 rows: K14, turn, sl 1, p13.
Next 2 rows: K10, turn, sl 1, p9.
Next 2 rows: K6, turn, sl 1, p5.
K 1 row across all sts.

SECOND SIDE

Next 2 rows: P4, turn, sl 1, k3.
Next 2 rows: P6, turn, sl 1, k5.
Next 2 rows: P8, turn, sl 1, k7.
Cont to work shortened turning rows in this way
until you have worked: P22, turn, sl 1, k21.
Next 2 rows: P18, turn, sl 1, k17.
Next 2 rows: P14, turn, sl 1, k13.
Next 2 rows: P10, turn, sl 1, k9.
Next 2 rows: P6, turn, sl 1, k5.
Beg with a p row, work 5 rows in st st across all sts.
Change to 5mm needles.
Beg with a k row, work 9 rows in st st from chart
2 (left).
Change to 4.5mm needles and work in A only.
Beg with a P row, work 7 rows in st st.

SHAPE TOE

Next row: (RS) K2, ssk, k25, k2tog, k3, ssk, k25,
k2tog, k2.
Work 3 rows in st st.
Next row: K2, ssk, k23, k2tog, k3, ssk, k23,
k2tog, k2.
Work 3 rows in st st.
Cont in stripes of 2 rows B, 2 rows A alternately
as follows:
Next row: With B, k2, ssk, k21, k2tog, k3, ssk, k21,
k2tog, k2.
P 1 row in B.
Work 2 rows in st st in A.
Next row: With B, k2, ssk, k19, k2tog, k3, ssk, k19,
k2tog, k2.
P 1 row in B.
Next row: With A, k2, ssk, k17, k2tog, k3, ssk, k17,
k2tog, k2.
P 1 row in A.
Next row: With B, k2, ssk, k15, k2tog, k3, ssk, k15,
k2tog, k2.
P 1 row in B.
Break B and cont in A only.
Next row: K2, ssk, k13, k2tog, k3, ssk, k13,
k2tog, k2.
Next row: P2, p2tog, p11, p2togtbl, p3,
p2tog, k11, p2togtbl, p2.
Next row: K2, ssk, k9, k2tog, k3, ssk, k9, k2tog, k2.
Next row: P2, p2tog, p7, p2togtbl, p3, p2tog, k7,
p2togtbl, p2.
Next row: K2, ssk, k5, k2tog, k3, ssk, k5, k2tog,
k2. (21 sts)
Cast off.

TO FINISH

Join the toe and back seam, matching up the
patterns and stripes. Fold your length of ribbon/
tape in half to form a loop, and sew inside the top
of the stocking for the hanging.

Christmas pudding hat

Get into the swing of Christmas by knitting this cute baby's beanie with a rolled brim. Worked in Aran weight yarn, only a few rows involve a colour change, so it's simpler to knit than it appears.

Picot-edged leaves and bobble berries on top complete the look.

CHRISTMAS PUDDING HAT

With 4mm needles and M, cast on 73 (81) sts.

Beg with a k row, work 12 rows in st st.

Change to 5mm needles.

Beg with a k row, work 22 (26) rows in st st.

Cont in st st and work in patt as follows (see note, right):

Next row: (RS): K 15 (17)M, 1C, 15 (17)M, 2C, 16 (18)M, 1C, 17 (19)M, 1C, 5M.

Next row: P 4M, 3C, 4 (5)M, 1C, 11M, 1 (2)C, 6 (7)M, 1C, 8 (9)M, 3C, 8M, 1C, 6 (8)M, 2C, 3 (4)M, 1 (2)C, 10M.

Next row: K 4M, 1C, 4 (5)M, 3C, 1 (2)M, 3C, 5 (7)M, 4C, 5M, 5C, 6M, 3 (4)C, 4 (5)M, 3 (4)C, 4 (3)M, 1C, 4 (5)M, 3C, 3 (4)M, 4C, 3M.

Next row: P 2M, 6C, 1M, 5 (6)C, 2 (3)M, 3C, 2 (1)M, 5 (6)C, 2M, 5 (7)C, 3 (4)M, 8 (7)C, 3M, 6 (7)C, 3 (4)M, 8 (10)C, 3M, 3C, 3M.

More experienced knitters can adapt this hat pattern to make a tea cosy!



You will need

- 1x50g ball Debbie Bliss Rialto Aran in Chocolate (M) and 1 in Ecru (C)

- Small amount of Debbie Bliss Baby Cashmerino in Dark Green and Red

- 3.25mm (UK 10/US 3), 4mm (UK 8/US 6) and 5mm (UK 6/US 8) knitting needles

Size

- To fit ages 3-6 (6-12) months

Tension

- 18 sts and 24 rows to 10cm (4in) square, on 5mm needles

Note

- When working with two colours, either use separate strands of yarn for each colour area, twisting yarns at colour change to avoid holes, or weave yarn not in use across WS where necessary, to avoid long yarn floats

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 89

LEAVES (MAKE 3)

With 3.25mm needles and Dark Green, cast on 21 sts. Beg with a k row, work 4 rows in st st.

Picot row: K1, [yf, k2tog] to end.

Beg with a p row, work 4 rows in st st.

Work cast-off as follows:

With right-hand needle, pick up first st of cast-on row, place on left needle and k tog with first st on left needle. Place next st from cast-on edge on left needle and k tog with next st on needle, take first st on right needle over second to cast off. Casting off sts in this way, cont to k each st tog with corresponding st of cast-on edge. Cast off all sts. Fold in half; sew straight edges together.

BERRIES (MAKE 3)

With 3.25mm needles and Red, cast on 1 st.

Next row: [K1, p1, k1, p1, k1] all into st. 5 sts.

K 1 row.

P 1 row.

Rep last 2 rows once more.

Next row: K2tog, k1, k2tog. 3 sts.

Next row: Slip 1 pwise, p2tog, pssos. 1 st.

Fasten off, cut yarn and with a darning needle, work a running stitch around edge of berry. Draw up into a bobble and secure.

TO FINISH

Sew three leaves and berries to top of hat.

**You will need**

- 1x50g ball of Debbie Bliss Baby Cashmerino in Red (A) and 1 in Grey (B)
- 2.75mm (UK 12/US 2) and 3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) knitting needles

Size

- To fit ages 3-6 months

Tension

- 28 sts and 37 rows to 10cm (4in) square, on 2.75mm needles

Note

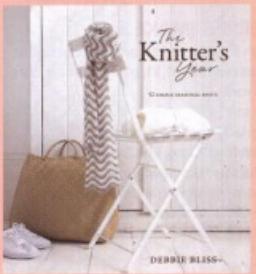
- 1x50g ball of each colour will make all three pairs of bootees

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 89

More ideas...

Find gift ideas for everyone inside *The Knitter's Year* by Debbie Bliss. Love Knitting readers can buy it for just £14.99 (rrp £18.99), including free UK p&p. Call 01256 302699 and quote 6HJ. Offer ends 20th January 2012, while stocks last.



Bootee trio

These bootees would make a lovely gift set for any new baby. All three styles of bootee – striped top with a roll-over cuff, striped sides with turned-up tops, or lace-edged with a bow – are worked from the same basic pattern. They're knitted in soft Baby Cashmerino yarn.

BOOTEES WITH STRIPED INSTEP

** With 2.75mm needles and A, cast on 36 sts.

K 1 row.

Row 1: (RS) K1, yf, k16, yf, [k1, yf] twice, k16, yf, k1.

Row 2 and all WS rows: K to end, working k1tbl into each yf of previous row.

Row 3: K2, yf, k16, yf, k2, yf, k3, yf, k16, yf, k2.

Row 5: K3, yf, k16, yf, [k4, yf] twice, k16, yf, k3.

Row 7: K4, yf, k16, yf, k5, yf, k6, yf, k16, yf, k4.

Row 9: K5, yf, k16, yf, [k7, yf] twice, k16, yf, k5.

Row 11: K22, yf, k8, yf, k9, yf, k22. 64 sts.

Row 12: As 2nd row. **

Beg with a k row, work 10 rows in st st.

Shape instep

Next row: With A, k36, skpo, turn.

Next row: With A, sl 1, p8, p2tog, turn.

Cont in stripes of 2 rows B and 2 rows A starting with 2 rows B, and work as follows:

Next row: Sl 1, k8, skpo, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, p8, p2tog, turn.

Rep the last 2 rows 7 times more. Cont in A only.

Next row: Sl 1, k to end.

Next row: P17, p2tog, p8, p2tog tbl, p17. 44 sts.

Rib row: [K1, p1] to end.

Rep the last row 9 times more.

Change to 3.25mm needles. Work 12 more rows in rib. Cast off in rib. Join back seam and sole seam.

BOOTEES WITH STRIPED FOOT

Work as given for Bootees with Striped Instep from ** to **.

Beg with a k row, work 5 rows in st st.

Next row: (WS) [P next st tog with corresponding st 5 rows below] to end.

Beg with a k row, work 10 rows in st st, working in stripes of 2 rows B, 2 rows A. Cont in A only.

Shape instep

Next row: K36, skpo, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, p8, p2tog, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, k8, skpo, turn.

Rep the last 2 rows 7 times more, then work first of the 2 rows again.

Next row: Sl 1, k to end.

Next row: P17, p2tog, p8, p2tog tbl, p17. 44 sts.

Rib row: [K1, p1] to end.

Rep the last row 9 times more.

Rib 2 rows B, 2 rows A and 2 rows B.



With B, cast off in rib.

Join back seam and sole seam.

BOOTEES WITH LACY TOP

With B, work as given for Bootees with Striped Instep from ** to **.

With A, k 2 rows.

With B, beg with a k row, work 8 rows in st st.

With A, k 2 rows.

Cont in B only.

Shape instep

Next row: K36, skpo, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, p8, p2tog, turn.

Next row: Sl 1, k8, skpo, turn.

Rep the last 2 rows 7 times more, then work first of the 2 rows again.

Next row: Sl 1, k to end.

Next row: P17, p2tog, p8, p2tog tbl, p17. 44 sts.

Change to 3.25mm needles and cont in patt as follows.

Row 1: K2, [k2tog, yf, k1, yf, skpo, k2] to end.

Row 2: P to end.

Row 3: K1, [k2tog, yf, k3, yf, skpo] to last st, k1.

Row 4: P to end.

These 4 rows form the patt.

Patt a further 12 rows.

With A, k 1 row.

With A, cast off knitwise.

Join back seam and sole seam.

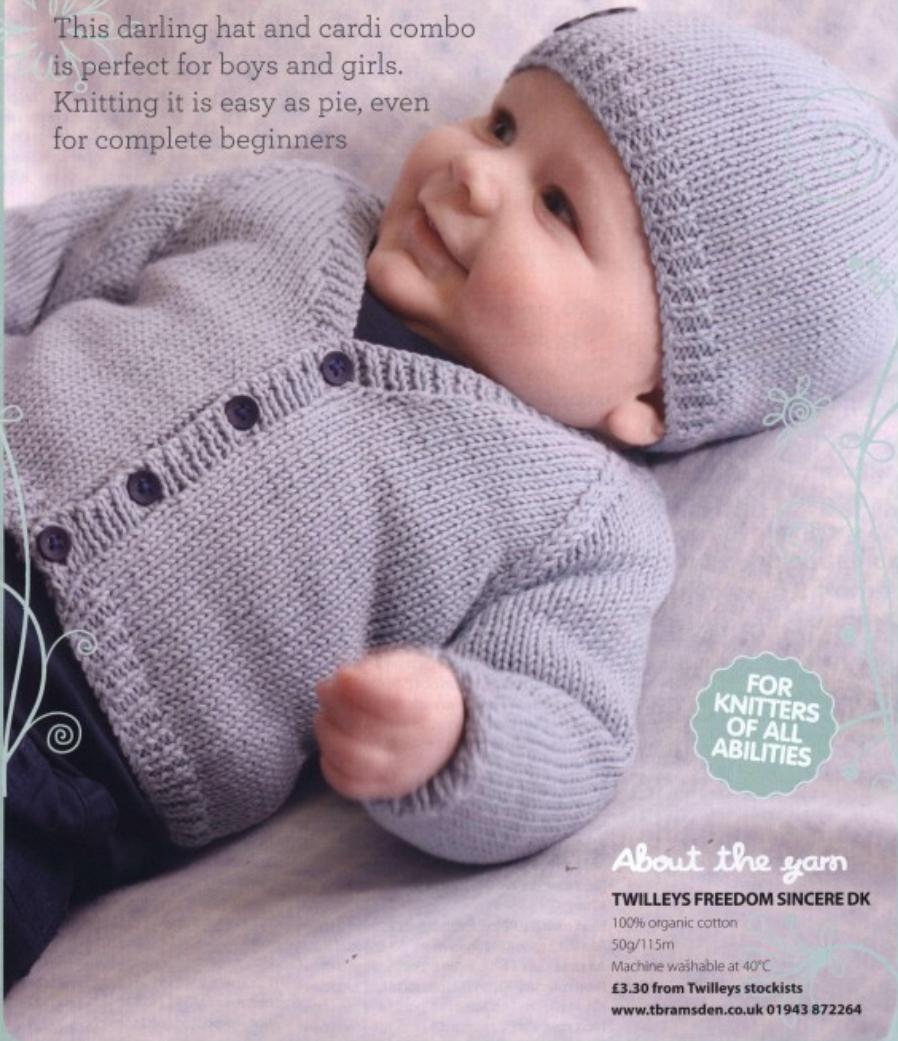
Using 2 strands of B, make a 46cm (18in) long twisted cord for each bootee. Thread through first row of eyelet holes to tie at centre front.



Oh-so sweet

This darling hat and cardigan combo
is perfect for boys and girls.

Knitting it is easy as pie, even
for complete beginners



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About the yarn

TWILLEYS FREEDOM SINCERE DK

100% organic cotton

50g/115m

Machine washable at 40°C

£3.30 from Twilleys stockists

www.tbramsden.co.uk 01943 872264

You will need

- 1-4x50g balls Twilleys Freedom Sincere DK in Ocean shade 608 and Silver Fern shade 610
- 3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) and 4mm (UK 8/US 6) knitting needles
- 3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) circular knitting needle (for cardigan only)
- 4 buttons for cardigan
- 3 small buttons for hat

Tension

- 22 sts and 28 rows to 10cm (4in) square over st st, on 4mm needles

Abbreviations

For standard abbreviations see page 89



Match both sides of the front band by working out a ratio and sticking to it. For example, pick up 2 sts for every 3 rows knitted

It's in the detail

Raglan sleeves are perfect for small garments because they fit well and are easily put on. Sew them up neatly to show off the shaping detail.

**Sizing and yarn guide**

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS		0-3 months	3-6 months	6-12 months	12-18 months
Chest	cm in	41 16	46 18	51 20	56 22
Cardigan, actual size	cm in	46 18½	52 20½	57 22½	63 24½
Length	cm in	21 8	25 10	29 11½	33 13
to back of neck	cm in	12 4¾	15 6	19 7½	23 9
Sleeve seam	cm in	33 13	36 14	39 15¼	41 16¼
Hat width around head	cm in	50g balls 2	50g balls 3	50g balls 3	50g balls 4
YARN QUANTITIES					
Cardigan	50g balls	2	3	3	4
Hat	50g balls	1	1	1	2

Sometimes, the best way to show off a special yarn is to knit an unfussy pattern – that's definitely true in this case. This cardi and hat are supremely easy to work. Freedom Sincere DK is organic, produced on land free of chemicals for at least three years. It's also coloured with non-toxic dyes, so you can be sure you're choosing the best for your baby.

CARDIGAN**BACK**

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 51 (57: 63: 69) sts.

Row 1: (RS) K1, *P1, K1, rep from * to end.

Row 2: P1, *K1, P1, rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form the rib.

Work in rib for a further 4 (4: 6: 6) rows, ending with a WS row.

Change to 4mm needles.

Starting with a K row, work in st st until Back measures 10 (14: 17: 20) cm or 4 (5½: 6½: 7¾) in, ending with a WS row.

Shape raglan armholes

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 45 (51: 57: 63) sts.

1st size only

Next row: (RS) K1, sl 1, K1, pss0, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1, 43 sts.

Work 3 rows, ending with a WS row.

3rd and 4th sizes only

Next row: (RS) K1, sl 1, K1, pss0, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1.

Next row: P1, P2tog, P to last 3 sts, P2tog tbl, P1. Rep last 2 rows (0, 1) times more. (53, 55) sts.

All sizes

Next row: (RS) K1, sl 1, K1, pss0, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1.

Next row: Purl.

Rep last 2 rows 11 (14: 14: 14) times more, ending

with a WS row.

Break yarn and leave rem 19 (21: 23: 25) sts on a holder.

LEFT FRONT

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 24 (28: 30: 34) sts.

Row 1: (RS) *K1, P1, rep from * to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 2: *K1, P1, rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form the rib.

Work in rib for a further 4 (4: 6: 6) rows, inc 1 (0: 1) st at end of last row and ending with a WS row. 25 (28: 31: 34) sts.

Change to 4mm needles.

Starting with a K row, work in st st until Left Front matches Back to start of raglan armhole shaping, ending with a WS row.

Shape raglan armhole

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row. 22 (25: 28: 31) sts. Work 1 row.

Shape front edge

Working all raglan armhole decreases as set by Back, dec 1 st at raglan armhole edge of next 1 (1: 3: 5) rows, then on 1 (0: 0) foll 4th row, then on foll 11 (14: 14: 14) alt rows and at same time dec 1 st at front neck edge of next and foll 0 (1: 2: 3) alt rows, then on 6 foll 4th rows, 2 sts.

Next row: (WS) P2.

Next row: K2tog and fasten off.

RIGHT FRONT

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 24 (28: 30: 34) sts.

Row 1: (RS) K2, *P1, K1, rep from * to end.

Row 2: *P1, K1, rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form rib.

Work in rib for a further 4 (4: 6: 6) rows, inc 1 (0: 1: 0) st at beg of last row and ending with a WS row. 25 (28: 31: 34) sts.

Change to 4mm needles.

Starting with a K row, work in st st until Right Front matches Back to start of raglan armhole shaping, ending with a RS row.

Shape raglan armhole

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row. 22 (25: 28: 31) sts. Complete as given for Left Front from start of front edge shaping.

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 27 (29: 31: 33) sts.

Work in rib as given for Back for 6 (6: 8: 8) rows, ending with a WS row.

Change to 4mm needles.

Starting with a K row, work in st st, shaping sides by inc 1 st at each end of next (next: next: 3rd) and foll 9 (5: 4: 0) alt rows, then on 0 (4: 6: 9) foll 4th rows, then on foll 0 (0: 0: 6th) row. 47 (49: 53: 55) sts.

Cont straight until sleeve measures 12 (15: 19: 23) cm or 4% (6: 7½: 9) in, ending with a WS row.

Shape raglan

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 41 (43: 47: 49) sts.

Next row: (RS) K1, sl 1, K1, pss0, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1.

Next row: P1, P2tog, P to last 3 sts, P2togtbl, P1.

Working all decreases as set by last 2 rows, dec 1 st at each end of next 5 (5: 7: 7) rows, then on every foll alt row until 7 sts rem.

Work 1 row, ending with a WS row.

Break yarn and leave rem 7 sts on a holder.

TO MAKE UP

Join the raglan seams.

FRONT BAND

With RS facing and 3.25mm circular needle, starting at right front cast-on edge, pick up and knit 28 (37: 43: 49) sts up right front to start of front neck edge shaping, and 27 (29: 31: 33) sts up right front neck edge. Knit across 7 sts on right sleeve holder, then 19 (21: 23: 25) sts on back holder, and 7 sts on left sleeve holder, pick up and knit 27 (29: 31: 33) sts down left front neck edge to start of front neck edge shaping, and 28 (37: 43: 49) sts down left front edge to cast-on edge. 143 (167: 185: 203) sts.

Row 1: (WS) K1, *P1, K1, rep from * to end.

This row sets position of rib as given for Back with first and last st of every row worked as a K st (so

that next row will start and end with K2). Keeping sts correct as now set, cont as follows:

For a girl

Row 2: (RS) rib 1, *work 2 tog, yrn (to make a buttonhole), rib 6 (9: 11: 13), rep from * twice more, work 2 tog, yrn (to make 4th buttonhole), rib 1.

For a boy

Row 2: (RS) rib 1 to last 27 (36: 42: 48) sts, *yrn, work 2 tog (to make a buttonhole), rib 6 (9: 11: 13), rep from * twice more, yrn, work 2 tog (to make 4th buttonhole), rib 1.

For a girl or a boy

Work in rib for a further 2 rows, ending with a RS row.

Cast off in rib (on WS).

Join side and sleeve seams. Sew on buttons.

HAT

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 73 (79: 85: 91) sts.

Row 1: (RS) K1, *P1, K1, rep from * to end.

Row 2: P1, *K1, P1, rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form rib.

Work in rib for a further 4 (4: 6: 6) rows, ending with a WS row.

Change to 4mm needles.

Starting with a K row, work in st st until hat measures 10cm (4in), ending with a WS row.

SHAPE CROWN**4th size only**

Next row: (RS) [K13, K2tog] 6 times, K1. 85 sts.

Work 1 row.

3rd and 4th sizes only

Next row: (RS) [K12, K2tog] 6 times, K1. 79 sts.

Work 1 row.

2nd, 3rd and 4th sizes only

Next row: (RS) [K11, K2tog] 6 times, K1. 73 sts.

Work 1 row.

All sizes

Next row: (RS) [K10, K2tog] 6 times, K1. 67 sts.

Work 1 row.

Next row: [K9, K2tog] 6 times, K1. 61 sts.

Work 1 row.

Next row: [K8, K2tog] 6 times, K1. 55 sts.

Work 1 row.

Next row: [K7, K2tog] 6 times, K1. 49 sts.

Work 1 row.

Next row: [K6, K2tog] 6 times, K1. 43 sts.

Next row: P1, [P2tog, P5] 6 times. 37 sts.

Next row: [K4, K2tog] 6 times, K1. 31 sts.

Next row: P1, [P2tog, P3] 6 times. 25 sts.

Next row: [K2, K2tog] 6 times, K1. 19 sts.

Next row: P1, [P2tog, P1] 6 times. 13 sts.

Next row: [K2tog] 6 times, K1.

Break yarn and thread through rem 7 sts. Pull up tight and fasten off securely.

TO MAKE UP

Join the back seam. Sew on the buttons.



You can knit this project for girls or boys

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HOODED CARDIGAN

Sporty stripes

Little boys will love Veronica Manno's hooded cardigan, covered in big, bold stripes of colour

Young boys tend to be active, and this hooded cardigan is perfect for playtime. The design is based on an adult's training top, just many sizes smaller! Babies and toddlers will be mesmerised by the stripes running across it, as will you, knitting them.

This is a very easy pattern worked in stocking stitch, with rib for the buttonhole row, cuffs and edging. Tension information for this project

is given on page 30, and it's worth checking yours first, by knitting a 10cm (4in) square. If you find when working on the cardigan that your tension is out, measurements are also provided, so you can adjust the number of rows and stitches to get the size you need.



About the yarn

CASCADE YARNS 220 SUPERWASH

100% superwash wool

100g/200m

Handwash

£5.45 from www.pavyarns.co.uk

or 01665 606062

HOODED CARDIGAN *

You can change the shades
of this cardi – why not knit
it in the colours of your
favourite football team?

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HOODED CARDIGAN

You will need

- 1 (1: 2) x 100g balls Cascade Yarns 220 Superwash in each of Cobalt Heather shade 1925 (A), White shade 871 (B) and Chartreuse shade 906 (C)
- 4mm (UK 8/US 6) and 4.5mm (UK 7/US 7) knitting needles
- 4mm (UK 8/US 6) and 4.5mm (UK 7/US 7) circular needles, 8cm (32in) long or size needed to obtain gauge
- Stitch holders
- 4 buttons

Size

- Instructions are written for size 6 months. Changes for 12 and 18 months are in brackets
- Knitted measurements: chest (closed) 56 (61: 66) or 22 (24: 26) in; length 28.5 (31: 33.5) cm or 11½ (12½, 13½) in; upper arm 20.5 (23: 25.5) cm or 8 (9: 10) in

Tension

- 21 sts and 28 rows to 10cm (4in) square over st st, on a 4.5mm circular needle

Note

- Body is worked in one piece to the underarms. Take time to check your tension

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 89



When knitting the border band and placing the buttonholes, make sure the stripes match across both fronts. You can do this by picking up the same number of stitches for each knitted stripe, so that the bands will also match.

HOODED CARDIGAN

K2, P2 RIB

(over a multiple of 4 sts plus 2)

Row 1: (RS) K2, *p2, k2; rep from * to end.

Row 2: P2, *k2, p2; rep from * to end.

Rep rows 1 and 2 for k2, p2 rib.

Stripe pattern

Working in st st, *work 8 rows B, 8 rows C; rep from * (16 rows) for stripe patt.

BODY

With 4mm circular needle and A, cast on 102 (114: 122) sts.

Work in k2, p2 rib for 10 rows, going back and forward. Inc 3 sts evenly across last row – 105 (117: 125).

Change to 4.5mm circular needle and B. Cont in st st (knit on RS, purl on WS) and stripe patt until 4 (5: 5) stripes have been completed, end with a WS row.

With next colour, work even for 7 (3: 7) rows, end with a RS row.

Divides for fronts and backs

Next row: (WS) P 21 (24: 26) sts, place these sts on holder for left front, cast off next 6 sts for left underarm, purl until there are 51 (57: 61) sts on RH needle, leave these sts on needle for back, cast off next 6 sts for right underarm, purl to end, place these last 21 (24: 26) sts on holder for right front.

BACK

Change to larger straight needles. Cont in stripe patt and work as foll:

Armhole shaping

Cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row, then every other row 1 (2: 3) times more – 43 (47: 49) sts. Work even until armhole measures 10 (11.5: 12.5) cm or 4 (4½: 5) in; end with a WS row. Cast off.

LEFT FRONT

Place 21 (24: 26) sts from left front holder onto larger straight needle ready for a RS row.

Cont in stripe patt and work as foll:

Armhole shaping

Cast off 2 sts at beg of next row. Work next row even. Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next row, then every other row 1 (2: 3) times more – 17 (19: 20) sts.

Work even until armhole measures 6.5 (7.5: 9) cm or 2½ (3: 3½) in; end with a RS row.

Neck shaping

Cast off 5 sts from neck edge once, 2 sts once, then 1 st once – 9 (11: 12) sts.

Work even until piece measures same length at back to shoulder, end with a WS row.

Cast off.

RIGHT FRONT

Place 21 (24: 26) sts from right front holder onto larger straight needle ready for a RS row. Cont to work in stripe patt, work next row even. Cont to work same as left front, reversing shaping.

SLEEVES

With 4mm straight needles and A, cast on 34 sts. Work in k2, p2 rib for 10 rows, end with a WS row. Change to 4.5mm straight needles and C. Beg with a C stripe, cont in st st and stripe patt. Inc 1 st each side on next row, then every 4th row 4 (6: 8) times more – 44 (48: 52) sts.

Continue in stripe patt until 3 (4: 4) stripes have been completed, end with a WS row. Change to next color and work for 6 (2: 6) rows; piece should measure approx 14.5 (16: 18) cm or 5¾ (6½: 7) in from beg.

Sleeve shaping

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows, then 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row, then every other row 3 (4: 5) times more, then every 4th row twice. Cast off 4 sts at beg of next 4 rows. Cast off rem 6 (8: 10) sts.

HOOD

With 4.5mm straight needles and C, cast on 80 (84: 88) sts. Cont in st st and stripe patt and work even until 5 stripes have been completed. Cast off.

FINISHING

Block pieces to measurements. Sew shoulder seams. Fold hood in half, then sew cast-on edges together for back seam.

Sew hood to the neck edge, placing the back seam in centre of the back neck edge. Place markers for 4 buttons on the left front edge for girls and right front edge for boys, with the first 2cm (¾in) from the lower edge, the last 4cm (1½in) from the neck edge and the others evenly spaced between.



It's in the detail

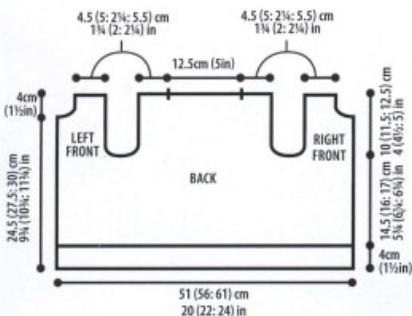
Knitting the body in one piece is perfect for babies – the fewer seams the better! And as there are no joins, the stripes will be perfect.

**OUTER BAND**

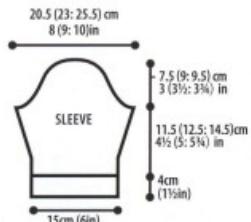
With RS facing, 4mm circular needle and A, pick up and k 53 (59; 63) sts evenly spaced along right front edge to hood, pick up and k 80 (84; 88) sts along hood edge, pick up and k 53 (59; 63) sts evenly spaced along left front edge – 186 (202; 214) sts. Beg with row 2, cont in k2, p2 rib for 3 rows.

Next (buttonhole) row: (RS) *Work in rib to marker, cast off next 2 sts; rep from * 3 times more, work in rib to end.

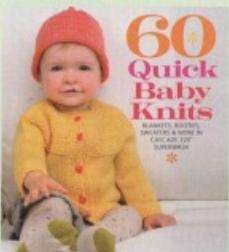
Next row: Work rib, casting on 2 sts over bound-off sts. Cont in rib for 3 rows more. Cast off loosely in rib. Sew sleeve seams; match stripes. Set in sleeves, matching stripes. Add buttons.

MEASUREMENTS

For a girl's version, use different yarn colours and swap the side of the buttonband

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Creature comfort

Allow Tina Barrett's gorgeous blankies to soothe your baby, helping them drop off to sleep at bedtime, or just enjoy a cuddle in times of need

Comfort blankets are used by many babies, especially at bedtime, to help them settle. These ones have been designed with two main things in mind: softness and strokeability, so baby will love to cuddle up to them. Plus, featuring your choice of a sheep or cow, they're

entirely lovable, too! The alpaca yarn that they're worked in is beautifully huggable, whilst satin ribbons for the loop and edging make them soothing to the touch.



About the yarn

ARTESANO DK

100% superfine alpaca

50g/100m

Handwash

£4.49 from Artesano stockists

www.artesanoyarns.co.uk

0118 950 3350



A close-up photograph of a baby lying down, wearing a white knitted hat with black spots and two large pink ears. The baby is also wrapped in a light-colored knitted blanket featuring a cow's head with black spots and a pink nose. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

COMFORT BLANKIES

*Knit an adorable gift
to keep baby calm and
happy at any time of day*



You will need

SHEEP

- 2x50g balls Artesano DK in Cream and 2 in Bonbon
- Organic stuffing
- 1.5m (1.65yds) of 5cm (2in) wide satin ribbon
- Small amount of white felt
- Black embroidery thread
- 3.75mm (UK 9/US 5) knitting needles

COW

- 2x50g balls Artesano DK in Cream, 1 in Bonbon and 1 in Sweet Pea
- Organic stuffing
- 1.5m (1.65yds) of 2.5cm (1in) wide black and white speckled ribbon
- Small amount of white felt
- Black embroidery thread
- 3.75mm (UK 9/US 5) knitting needles

Size

- Base of comforter measures 30.5x30.5cm (12x12in)

Tension

- 25 sts and 33 rows to 10cm (4in) square, on 3.75mm needles

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 89

BASE COMFORTER

(for both cow and sheep)

Using 3.75mm needles and Cream yarn, cast on 75 sts.
Beg with a knit row, work straight in st st until comforter measures 30.5cm (12in), ending on a WS row.
Cast off.
Pin and block the square.

SHEEP

HEAD

Using Bonbon yarn and 3.75mm needles, cast on 6 sts.

Row 1: Kfb into each st (12 sts)

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: *K1, kfb rep from * to end (18 sts).

Row 4: Purl.

St st 6 rows.

Next row: *K2, kfb rep from * to end (24 sts).

Beg with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

Next row: *K2, kfb rep from * to end (32 sts)**.

Beg with a purl row, st st 9 rows.

Shape muzzle

Next row: K2 tog to end of row (16 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2tog to end of row (8 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2 tog to end of row (4 sts).

Break yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread through rem sts and pull tight. Fold head in half lengthwise and sew rear seam, leaving a small opening. Stuff firmly and close hole.

EARS (MAKE 2 ALIKE)

Using Bonbon yarn, cast on 5 sts.

Row 1: *K1, p1 rep from * to last st, k1.

Rep this row six times.

Next row: K2tog, moss st to last 2 sts, k2tog (3 sts).

Break yarn, leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts and pull tight.

Position ears at each side of head and sew firmly in place (see photo for reference).

COW HEAD

Using 3.75mm needles and Cream, work as for sheep to **.

Next row: Beg with a purl row, work 5 rows in st st.

Change to Sweet Pea and work 4 rows in st st. Work muzzle decreases as for sheep's head. Work both ears as for sheep, using Cream. Stuff and attach ears as for sheep.

MAKING UP

BASE COMFORTER

Pin and tack ribbon around the edges of the base comforters. You will need to mitre the corners for neatness. The wide satin ribbon should be folded lengthwise over each side edge, whilst the narrower black and white ribbon can sit on top of the right side. Sew firmly in place using small slip stitches.

SHEEP

Cut two small circles of white felt for the eyes. Position and secure in the centre with a French knot, worked in black embroidery thread (see next page for a step-by-step guide). Work two more French knots on the muzzle as nostrils. Take some of the Cream yarn and work French knots all over the crown of the sheep, to give a woolly effect. Don't be too fussy about keeping it neat – you can leave some knots a bit loopy here to add texture.

COW

Work eyes and nostrils as for the sheep. Take some of the Bonbon yarn and Swiss darn a small, random area on the cow's face so it looks like a Friesian. Add more patches if you like. Go on, personalise your cow! See next page for Swiss darning instructions.

RIBBON HANDLES

Fold your base comforters in half and then in half again to find the centre point. Cut a 20cm (8in) length of ribbon. Fold in half and lay the raw edges on the centre point of the base. Secure the ribbon in place with small firm stitches. Place your sheep or cow head over the top and secure to the ribbon/base comforter using small, firm stitches.

Alpaca yarn is well known for its durability, making it ideal for comfort blankets



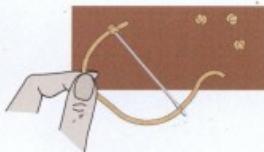
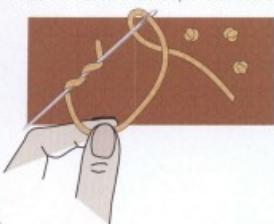
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FRENCH KNOT STEP BY STEP

1 Work in any direction. Bring threaded needle to the right side of the fabric. Holding thread taut between a finger and thumb on your left hand, wind the thread once or twice around the tip of the needle.

2 Still holding the thread, insert the needle tip close to the point where you brought the needle out to the right side of the fabric. Pull needle so the twist lies neatly on the fabric surface. Repeat as required.



SWISS DARNING

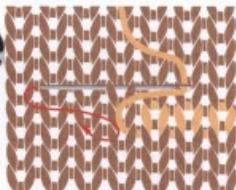
Also known as duplicate stitch, Swiss darning is great for working small motifs because it looks as if it's been knitted into the fabric.

HORIZONTAL STITCHES

Work along row from right to left. Bring threaded needle to front of work at base of 'V' of knitted stitch. Pass needle (working from right to left) in and out of the stitch in the row above. Then bring needle back to front of work at base of 'V' and push gently through to back. Repeat for each stitch across row.

VERTICAL STITCHES

Work from bottom to top of row. Bring needle out at base of 'V' as before. Complete the stitch as above but then bring the needle up at base of stitch above, and continue working upwards along the line of knitted stitches.



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SLEEPING BAG

BERGERE
de France

Relax in style

Keep baby super cosy in this stylish cable sleeping bag. It's ideal for winter strolls in the buggy

Sleeping bags for babies are very popular with parents today. One of the biggest benefits is that babies can't kick off sleeping bags when fidgeting in their pram (as they can with blankets), so they're less likely to get cold.

We think you'll agree that this one, designed for intermediate knitters, is a work of art. It features defined

cable stripes, which are not only decorative but also add a texture that's wonderful to touch. There are buttons all the way down the middle of the sleeping bag, as well as across it, to make it easy to get baby in and out of it. So all that's left to do is brave the cold weather and enjoy your walk!



About the yarn

BERGERE DE FRANCE COCOON

70% acrylic, 25% mohair, 5% alpaca

50g/70m

Handwash

£4.15 from Bergerre stockists

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*This sleeping bag, worked in
a warm winter yarn, is both
attractive and practical*

SLEEPING BAG

You will need

- 9x50g balls Bergere de France
Cocoon in Stratus shade 241, 481
- 5.5mm (UK 5/US 9) and 6.5mm
(UK/US 10.5) knitting needles
- 1 cable needle
- 10x2cm (9in) diameter grey buttons
- 6x2.5cm (1in) diameter grey buttons

Tension

14 sts and 17 rows to 10cm (4in)
square, on 6.5mm needles

Special stitches

2/2 rib using 5.5mm needles

Row 1: *k2, p2* rep from *to*.
Row 2: k over k, p over.

Cable pattern using 6.5mm needles over 12 sts

Row 1 (RS) and 3: p2, k8, p2.
Rows 2, 4 and 6: k2, p8, k2.
Row 5: p2, 4CR, 4CL, p2.
After Row 6, rep from Row 1.

Abbreviations

- 4CR slip 2 sts onto cable needle at back of work, k2, k2 from cable needle
- 4CL slip 2 sts onto cable needle at front of work, k2, k2 from cable needle
- For standard abbreviations see page 89

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BABY LAYETTE



SLEEPING BAG

LOWER SECTION: BACK

Using 6.5mm needles cast on 39 sts. Work in st st for 2 rows. Cont in st st casting on 2sts at beg of next 4 rows, then inc 1 st at each end of next RS row (1st in from edge) and every foll RS row twice, then at each end of foll 4th row. Cont in st st on the 55 sts obtained. When work measures 23cm (9in) [40 rows] dec 1 st at each edge (1 st in from edge) on next RS row, then on every foll 4th row 3 times, then on every foll RS row twice. To dec 1 st at each edge (1 st in from edge); k1, k2tog, work to last 3 sts, slip 1, k1, pso, k1. Work 1 row on the rem 43 sts then cast off.

LOWER SECTION: LEFT FRONT

Using 6.5mm needles cast on 20 sts. Work 5 sts st st, 12 sts cable patt, 3 sts st st for 2 rows. Cont in patt as set casting on 2 sts at beg of next 2 RS rows, then inc 1 st at beg of next RS row (1st in from edge) and every foll RS row twice, then at beg of foll 4th row. Cont in patt on the 28 sts obtained. When work measures 23cm (9in) [40 rows] dec 1 st at beg (1 st in from edge) of next RS row, then on every foll 4th row 3 times, then on every foll RS row twice. Work 1 row on the rem 22 sts then cast off.

LOWER SECTION: RIGHT FRONT

Work as for Left Front rev all shapings.

Left border

Using 5.5mm needles pick up 46 sts along left front edge. Work in 2/2 rib for 5cm (2in) [10 rows].

then cast off all sts.

Right border

Using 5.5mm needles pick up 46 sts along right front edge. Work in 2/2 rib for 2.5cm (1in) [6 rows] then make three 2 st buttonholes (see top tip on page 39), the first 8 sts from the end, the others at 12 st spacings. When work measures 5cm (2in) [10 rows] cast off all sts.

To make up

Sew side and bottom seams. Sew on buttons.

TOP SECTION: BACK

Using 6.5mm needles cast on 48 sts. Work 7 sts st st, 12 sts cable patt, 10 sts st st, 12 sts cable patt, 7 sts st st for 2 rows. Cont in patt as set, casting on 2sts at beg of next 2 rows, then inc 1 st at each end of next 2 RS rows.

Cont in patt on the 56 sts obtained.

Raglan

When work measures 12cm (4 3/4in) [20 rows] cast off 3sts at beg of next 2 rows, then dec 2sts* at each edge of next 2 RS rows (1 st in from edge). Then dec 1 st at each end of next 12 RS rows.

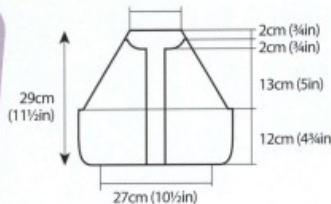
*To dec 2 sts (1st from edge); k1, k3tog, work to last 4 sts, slip 1, k2tog, pso. Work 1 row on the rem 18 sts then cast off.

TOP SECTION: LEFT FRONT

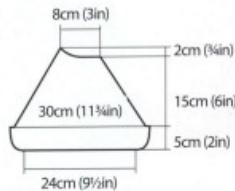
Using 6.5mm needles cast on 22 sts. Work 7 sts st st, 12sts cable patt, 3sts st st for 2 rows. Cont in patt as set casting on 2 sts at beg of next RS row, then inc 1 st at beg of next 2 RS rows.

Cont in patt on the 26 sts obtained.

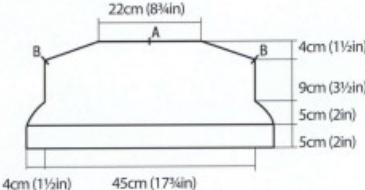
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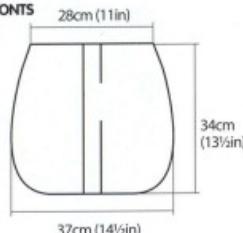
RIGHT SLEEVE



HOOD



BACK FRONTS



Raglan

When work measures 12cm (4½in) [20 rows] cast off 3sts at beg of next RS row, then dec 2sts at beg of next 2 RS rows, then 1 st at beg of next 10 RS rows.

AT THE SAME TIME: NECK

When work measures 25cm (9¾in) [42 rows] cast off 4sts at beg of next WS row, then 2sts at beg of next WS row. Cast off rem 3 sts.

TOP SECTION: RIGHT FRONT

Work as for Left Front, rev all shapings.

RIGHT SLEEVE

Using 6.5mm needles cast on 39 sts. Work 6 sts st st, 12sts cable patt, 3sts st st, 12sts cable patt, 6sts st st for 2rows. Then cast on 2sts at beg of next 4 rows, then inc 1 st at each end of foll RS row. 49 sts.

Raglan

When work measures 5cm (2in) [8 rows] cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Then dec 2 sts at each end of next 2 RS rows, then 1 st at each end of next 10 RS rows. 15 sts.

Cont to dec 1 st at end of every RS row twice but AT THE SAME TIME cast off 5 sts at beg of next RS row, then 4 sts at beg of next 2 RS rows.

LEFT SLEEVE

Work as Right Sleeve, rev raglan shaping.

HOOD

Using 5.5mm needles cast on 74 sts.

Work in 2/2 rib for 5cm (2in) [10 rows].

Change to 6.5mm needles and cont in st st, casting off 1 st at beg of next 2 rows, then work 2 rows straight, then cast off 1 st at beg of next 6 rows, then 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Cont in st st on the rem 62 sts. When work measures 19cm (7½in) [34 rows] cast off 5 sts at beg of next 6 rows, then cast off rem 32 sts.

TOP SECTION: LEFT BORDER

Using 5.5mm needles pick up 36 sts along left front edge. Work in 2/2 rib starting with k3 for 5cm (2in) [10 rows] then cast off all sts.

TOP SECTION: RIGHT BORDER

Using 5.5mm needles pick up 36 sts along left front edge. Work in 2/2 rib starting with k3 for 2.5cm (1in) [6 rows] then make three 2 st buttonholes, the 1st 3 sts from the end, the others at 12 st spacings. When work measures 5cm (2in) [10 rows] cast off all sts.



To make a 2 st buttonhole, cast off 2 sts in required position on 1st buttonhole row and work to end. For 2nd row, work to cast off sts, cast on 2 and work to end

TO MAKE UP

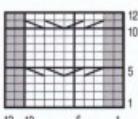
Join raglan seams. Fold the hood in half and sew the seam from A to B. Sew the hood to top of neck, leaving 2cm (¾in) free at each edge of front.

At bottom of the top section of body and sleeves, pick up 255 sts using 5.5mm needles [90 sts from bottom and side of left front and left sleeve, 75 from left side, bottom and right side of back, and 90 from right sleeve, side and bottom of right front]; work 2 rows of g st then cast off all sts knitwise.

Sew 3 big buttons onto the left front border, then 1 small button to each edge of the front under the raglan, to keep the back and front together.

At bottom of back make 4 buttonholes (without cutting thread) at regular spacings and 2 at the bottom of the front. Sew 8 small buttons to the top of the bottom section, lining up with buttonholes on top section.

CABLE PATTERN



- = pur on right side, knit on wrong side
- = knit on right side, pur on wrong side
- = 4CR
- = 4CL

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Moonbeam

This pretty wrapover cardigan by Martin Storey is perfect for special occasions. It's worked in Cashsoft Baby DK, one of Rowan's softest yarns

Simple and elegant, this charming wrapover cardigan is smart enough to wear for the most special of occasions, such as weddings. It's sure to become a favourite with both baby and parents. And even better than all that? It's easy to knit!

The body is worked in stocking stitch, and the rib and garter stitch edging are still simple, but provide an excellent contrast. The cardigan is knitted in Rowan Cashsoft Baby DK, which is known for its softness and comes in a

range of soft, pastel colours.

You can knit this cardigan to fit babies aged from newborn to two years old – we provide the yarn requirements for each size, along with finished measurements for the cardigan, on page 43. If your baby is smaller or bigger than average and you're not sure which size to knit, refer to the measurements diagram and choose the size closest to the baby's body circumference. Then add or reduce rows to obtain the desired length.

About the yarn

ROWAN CASHSOFT BABY DK

57% extra fine merino wool, 33% acrylic

microfibre, 10% cashmere

50g/115m

Machine washable at 30°C

£5.75 from Rowan stockists

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You will need

- 3-5x50g balls Rowan Cashsoft Baby DK in Cloud shade 805 (see yarn quantity guide on next page)
- 3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) and 4mm (UK/US 6) knitting needles

Tension

- 22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) square, on 4mm needles

Abbreviations

For standard abbreviations see page 89



The neckband should be shorter than the corresponding part of the cardi, so the curves at the neck lie flat, which they will do if they're being stretched. Pin the band in place before you cast off

It's in the detail

On an increase row, work the increase after the first stitch and after the second last stitch. This keeps the end stitches even for a neater edge, and also makes the garment easier to sew up afterwards.



MOONBEAM CARDI

BACK

Using 3.25mm needles cast on 55 (57: 59: 61: 63: 65: 67) sts.

Row 1: (RS) K1, *P1, K1, rep from * to end.

Row 2: P1, *K1, P1, rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form rib.

Cont in rib for a further 12 (12: 14: 14: 16: 16: 16) rows, ending with RS facing for next row. Change to 4mm needles.

Beg with a K row, work in st st for 26 (28: 28: 34: 36: 38) rows, ending with RS facing for next row. Back should measure 13.5 (14: 14.5: 16.5: 17.5: 18: 18.5) cm or 5½ (5½: 5¾: 6½: 7: 7½) in.

Shape raglan armholes

Cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 51 (53: 55: 57: 59: 61: 63) sts.

Sizes 2 and 3 years only

Next row: (RS) K2, sl 1, K1, pss0, K to last 4 sts, K2tog, K2, -(-:-:-:59:61) sts.

Next row: K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.

Next row: Knit.

Next row: K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.

All sizes

Next row: (RS) K2, sl 1, K1, pss0, K to last 4 sts, K2tog, K2.

Next row: K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.

Rep last 2 rows 15 (16: 17: 17: 18: 17: 18) times more, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off rem 19 (19: 21: 21: 23: 23) sts.

LEFT FRONT

Using 3.25mm needles cast on 43 (45: 47: 49: 51: 53: 55) sts.

Work in rib as given for back for 14 (14: 16: 18: 18: 18) rows, ending with RS facing for next row. Change to 4mm needles.

Beg with a K row, work in st st for 2 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape front slope

Dec 1 st at end of next and foll 11 (12: 12: 15: 15: 16: 17) alt rows. 31 (32: 34: 35: 36: 37) sts.

Work 1 row, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape raglan armhole

Cast off 2 sts at beg and dec 1 st at end of next row. 28 (29: 31: 30: 32: 33: 34) sts.

Work 1 row.

Working all raglan armhole decreases as set by back, dec 1 st at raglan armhole edge of next and o (0: 0: 0: 1: 1) foll 4th rows, then on foll 11 (11: 12: 12: 13: 12: 13) alt rows and at same time dec 1 st at front slope edge of next and foll 11 (11: 12: 11: 12: 13: 12) alt rows, then on o (0: 0: 0: 0: 1) foll 4th row. 4 (5: 5: 5: 5: 5) sts. Work 1 row, ending with RS facing for next row.

Sizes 0-3 months only

Next row: K1, sl 1, K2tog, pss0, 2 sts.

Sizes 3-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-18, 24 and 36 months only

Next row: K2, sl 1, K2tog, pss0, 3 sts.

Next row: P1, K2.

Next row: K1, sl 1, K1, pss0, 2 sts.

All sizes

Next row: (WS) K2.

Next row: K2tog and fasten off.

RIGHT FRONT

Using 3.25mm needles cast on 43 (45: 47: 49: 51: 53: 55) sts.

Work in rib as given for back for 14 (14: 16: 18: 18: 18) rows, ending with RS facing for next row. Change to 4mm needles.

Shape front slope

Dec 1 st at beg of next and foll 11 (12: 12: 15: 15: 16: 17) alt rows. 31 (32: 34: 33: 35: 36: 37) sts.

Complete to match left front, reversing shapings.

SLEEVES

Using 3.25mm needles cast on 29 (31: 31: 33: 33: 35: 35) sts.

Work in rib as given for back for 8 (8: 10: 10: 12: 12) rows, ending with RS facing for next row. Change to 4mm needles.

Beg with a K row, work in st st, shaping sides by inc 1 st at each end of next (next: next: next: next: 3rd: 3rd) and foll 2 (0: 0: 0: 0: 0) rows, then on foll 8 (7: 6: 3: 0: 0) alt rows, then on 0 (3: 5: 7: 8: 11: 10) foll 4th rows, then on 0 (0: 0: 0: 0: 2) foll 6th rows. 51 (53: 55: 55: 57: 59: 61) sts.

Cont straight until sleeve measures 11.5 (14: 16.5: 18.5: 20.5: 23: 25.5) cm or 4½ (5½: 6½: 7½: 8: 9: 10) in, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape raglan

Cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 47 (49: 51: 51: 53: 55: 57) sts.

Working all raglan decreases as given for back raglan armholes, dec 1 st at each end of next and every foll alt row until 21 sts rem.

Work 1 row, ending with RS facing for next row.

Left sleeve only

Dec 1 st at each end of next row, then cast off 4 sts at beg of foll row. 15 sts.

Dec 1 st at beg of next row, then cast off 5 sts at beg of foll row. 9 sts.

Dec 1 st at beg of next row, then cast off 4 sts at beg of foll row.

Right sleeve only

Cast off 5 sts at beg and dec 1 st at end of next row. 15 sts.

Work 1 row.

Rep last 2 rows once more. 9 sts.

Cast off 4 sts at beg and dec 1 st at end of next row. Work 1 row.

Both sleeves

Cast off rem 4 sts.

MAKING UP

Press. Join all raglan seams using back stitch, or mattress stitch if preferred.

Front band

Using 3.25mm needles cast on 6 sts.

Row 1:

(RS) SI 1, K5.
Rep this row until band, when slightly stretched and beg and ending at cast-on edges, fits up entire right front opening edge, across top of right sleeve; then back neck, then left sleeve, then down entire left front opening edge, ending with WS facing for next row.

Cast off knitwise (on WS).

Slip stitch band in place.

Ties (make 2)

Using 3.25mm needles cast on 6 sts.

Row 1:

(RS) SI 1, K5.
Rep this row until tie measures 29 (30: 31: 32: 33: 34: 35) cm or 11½ (11¾: 12¼: 12½: 13: 13½: 13¾) in, ending with WS facing for next row.

Cast off knitwise (on WS).

Sew one end of each tie to front opening edge just about beg of front slope shaping.

Finishing

Block out each piece of knitting and, following the instructions on the ball band, press the garment pieces, omitting the ribs. Darn in all ends neatly along the selvedge edge.

Stitch pieces together using a seam stitch such as backstitch or mattress stitch for all



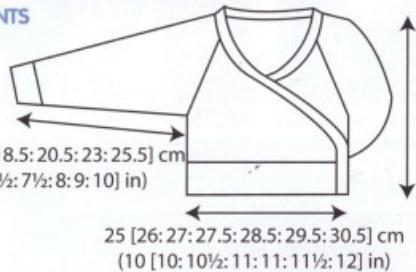
Sew the pieces of this cardi together neatly, for a polished finish

main knitting seams. Join all the ribs and the neckband using mattress stitch.

Yarn quantity guide

0-3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	12-18 months	24 months	36 months
ROWAN CASHSOFT BABY DK (NO OF BALLS)						
3	3	4	4	4	5	5

MEASUREMENTS



More ideas...

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Cool kid

Designed by Debbie Bliss, this jacket, with its unusual collar and moose motifs, is perfect for Christmas and throughout winter

USE A
CHART TO
KNIT THE
MOTIF



Debbie Bliss

About the yarn

DEBBIE BLISS RIALTO DK

100% extra fine merino wool

50g/105m

Machine washable at 30°C

£5.50 from Debbie Bliss stockists

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Debbie's
granddad-style
jumper will look
utterly adorable
on a little man!

RETRO JACKET

You will need

- 2 (2: 3: 3) x 50g balls Debbie Bliss Rialto DK in Burnt Orange 32 (A) and 1 in each in Terracotta 25 (B), Stone 06 (C) and Chocolate 05 (D)
- 3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) and 4mm (UK 8/US 6) knitting needles
- 4 buttons

Tension

- 22 stitches and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) square over st st, on 4mm needles

Abbreviations

For standard abbreviations see page 89



When 2-colour knitting, weave in the yarn not in use at the back of the work. For larger blocks of colour use separate balls of wool on either side

It's in the detail

Knitting the sleeves from the top down and using short row shaping on the collar are just two of the more unusual techniques used in this jacket.



Sizing guide

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

		6-9 months	9-12 months	12-18 months	18-24 months
Chest	cm	56	60	66	72
	in	22	23½	26	28½
Length	cm	25	28	31	34
	in	10	11	12½	13½
Sleeve Length	cm	16	18	19	21
	in	6½	7	7½	8¼

Perhaps baby's birthday falls in the winter, or you want to knit them a beautiful Christmas gift? If so, you're looking at it! This retro jacket is something they'll love to wear, and the unusual shawl-style lapels (often seen on dinner jackets) make it more grown-up than your average baby garment. To produce the moose motifs you'll work from charts; follow them by reading and working odd-numbered right-side rows from right to left, and even-numbered wrong-side rows from left to right.

RETRO JACKET

BACK

With 3.25mm needles and A, cast on 63 (69: 75: 81) sts.

Row 1: (RS) K1, [p1, k1] to end.

Row 2: P1, [k1, p1] to end. Rep the last 2 rows twice more, inc one st at centre of last row. 64 (70: 76: 82) sts.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beg with a k row, work in st st. Work 24 (28: 32: 36) rows. Work 2 rows B, 4 rows C**.

Place charts

Row 1: (RS) K8 (10: 12: 14) C, k across 19 sts of 1st row of Chart 1, k10 (12: 14: 16) C, k across 19 sts of 1st row of Chart 2, k8 (10: 12: 14) C.

Row 2: P8 (10: 12: 14) C, p across 19 sts of 2nd row of Chart 2, p10 (12: 14: 16) C, p across 19 sts of 2nd row of Chart 1, p8 (10: 12: 14) C.

These 2 rows set the position of the charts and are repeated, working correct chart rows, until all 18 rows have been completed.

Work 4 rows C, 2 rows B. Cont in A only. Work 16 (20: 26: 30) rows.

Shape shoulders

Cast off 21 (23: 25: 27) sts at beg of next 2 rows. Leave rem 22 (24: 26: 28) sts on a spare needle.

LEFT FRONT

With 3.25mm needles and A, cast on 31 (35: 37: 41) sts.

Row 1: (RS) P1, [k1, p1] to end.

Row 2: K1, [p1, k1] to end. Rep the last 2 rows

twice more, inc one st at centre of last row on 1st and 3rd sizes only. 32 (35: 38: 41) sts.

Change to 4mm (US 6) needles.

Beg with a k row, work in st st. Work 24 (28: 32: 36) rows. Work 2 rows B, 4 rows C**.

Place chart

Row 1: (RS) K8 (10, 12, 14) C, k across 19 sts of 1st row of Chart 1, k6 (6, 7, 8) C.

Row 2: P5 (6: 7: 8) C, p across 2nd row of Chart 1, p8 (10: 12: 14) C. These 2 rows set the position of the chart.

Shape front neck

Cont to work in patt from chart and at the same time, dec one st at neck edge on next row and every foll 3rd row, until all 18 chart rows are complete.

Cont to dec on every 3rd row and work 4 rows C, 2 rows B then cont in A only, until 21 (23: 25: 27) sts rem. Cont without further shaping until the same number of rows have been worked as on Back to shoulder shaping, so ending with a p row. Cast off 21 (23: 25: 27) sts for shoulder.

RIGHT FRONT

Work as given for Left Front to **.

Place chart

Row 1: (RS) K5 (6: 7: 8) C, k across 19 sts of 1st row of Chart 2, k8 (10, 12, 14) C.

Row 2: P8 (10, 12, 14) C, p across 19 sts of 2nd row of Chart 2, p5 (6: 7: 8) C. Complete as given for Left Front, reversing shaping and ending with a k row before shoulder cast-off.

SLEEVES

Join shoulder seams.

Place a marker, 30 (33: 36: 39) rows down from each shoulder seam. With RS facing, 4mm needles and A, pick up and k47 (51: 55: 59) sts evenly between markers.

Beg with a p row, work 7 (7: 7: 9) rows in st st. Break off A.

Decreasing one st at each end of next row, work 2 rows in B. 45 (49: 53: 57) sts.

Work 2 rows C.

Place chart

Row 1: With C, skpo, k14 (16: 18: 20), k across 13 sts of 1st row of Chart 3, with C, k14 (16: 18: 20), k2tog. 43 (47: 51: 55) sts.

Row 2: P15 (17: 19: 21) C, p across 13sts of 2nd row of Chart 3, p15 (17: 19: 21) C.

Work 2 more rows.

Cont in this way to end of chart and dec one st at each end of the next row and 2 foll 4th rows (chart complete).

Cont to dec at each end of every foll 4th row, working 2 rows C and 2 rows B, then cont in A only until 29 (31: 33: 35) sts rem, so ending with a k row.

Next row: (WS) P to end and dec one st at centre of row. 28 (30: 32: 34) sts.

Change to 3.25mm needle.

Rib row: [K1, p1] to end.

Rep this row 11 times more.

Cast off in rib.

FRONT BANDS AND COLLAR

Join shoulder seams.

With RS facing, 3.25mm needles and B, pick up and k 33 (36: 39: 42) sts evenly along right front to beg of neck shaping, 33 (36: 39: 42) sts to right shoulder, work across 22 (24: 26: 28) sts at back neck as follows, k1 (2: 3: 4), [m1, k2] 10 times, m1, k1 (2: 3: 4), then pick up and k33 (36: 39: 42) sts down left front to beg of neck shaping and 33 (36: 39: 42) sts to cast-on edge. 165 (179: 193: 207) sts.

Next row: (WS) P1, [k1, p1] to end.

This row sets the rib.

Shape collar

Next 2 rows: Rib to last 65 (72: 79: 86) sts, turn.

Next 2 rows: Rib to last 61 (68: 75: 82) sts, turn.

Next 2 rows: Rib to last 57 (64: 71: 78) sts, turn.

Cont in this way for a further 12 (14: 18: 20) turning rows, working an extra 4 sts, as before, on each row.

Next row: (RS) Rib to end.

Next row: Rib across all sts.

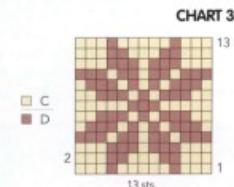
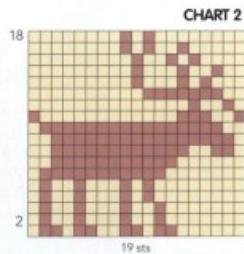
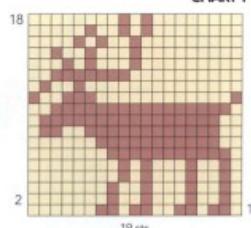
Buttonhole row: (RS) Rib 3, (yarn, rib 2tog, rib 7 (8: 9: 10) sts) 3 times, yarn, rib 2tog, rib to end.

Rib one row.

Change to D.

Rib one row.

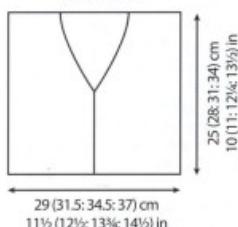
Cast off in rib.

**TO MAKE UP**

Join the side and sleeve seams, matching up the stripes. Sew on the buttons.

MEASUREMENTS

Back & fronts

**More ideas...**

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Val Pierce

The veteran designer and talented knitter speaks of her enviable career, and helps other obsessed knitters follow in her footsteps...

Val Pierce comes from a creative family and learned to knit at a young age. She began her knitting career pattern checking and making test garments for yarn companies. With a talent for the craft, she soon began designing her own garments, which were snapped up by knitting mags.

Now, with a number of books under her belt and more in the pipeline, her classic designs and quality style have gained her a huge following. Best of all, after many years in the business, she's no less passionate about knitting than she was the day she began.

When did you first pick up a pair of needles?

It was actually my dad who taught me to knit, when I was five. Once I got the hang of it I never looked back; I took my knitting everywhere with me, on the bus and on holiday. I was even caught knitting in class once and I had to stay in during break as punishment! Every Saturday I used my pocket money to buy yarn – I'd knit all day until it was gone, then I'd have to wait a whole week until I could buy more.

"I used my pocket money to buy yarn – I'd knit all day until it was gone, then I'd have to wait a whole week until I could buy more"

What's your favourite garment of all the ones you've designed?

My favourite project is always the one I'm working on, although I love baby garments, toys and accessories, since they can be made to look so cute. I particularly like a Scandinavian children's outfit I made for Knit Today last year. Other personal favourites include William and Kate bears and a toddlers' striped cowl neck sweater.

Describe a typical day in your life

I settle down at 8am to work on projects or pattern writing. I write patterns early as I'm more alert and less likely to make typos!

The day rarely turns out how I expect since I frequently get phone calls, emails and letters from readers of my books asking for help with a particular project. After lunch, more

often than not I pop down to my local craft shop for ribbons, buttons, sequins and other pretty things to finish off my designs.

I finish work around 5pm, have dinner and tend to my family and beloved dogs. Depending on how busy I am, it's not unusual for me to start work again in the evening. It's no chore to me though – I really do love every second of what I do.

What has been your career highlight so far?

Writing my first book and seeing it published was the ultimate goal in my quest to be a designer. Even more exciting, the book turned out to be hugely popular and sold many thousands of copies. I remember thinking to myself when writing it, 'what if no-one buys it?' But then I decided even if they didn't, I'd still achieved something I'd dreamed of doing for a very long time.

How does it feel to see your designs in print?

It never ceases to delight me, and I feel very privileged to be able to share my passion with like-minded folk around the world. I am hypercritical of my work though, so I often scrutinise photos to make sure everything looks as I would have liked!

What's the worst thing about your job?

Every designer knows what it's like to work to deadlines – great if everything goes to plan, but very often yarn can be delayed, or patterns don't turn out as you'd hoped. All these things can take time and often knitting late into the night has to be done to get a design in on time.

What inspires you?

My ideas come from many sources – places, people, the wonderful colours in the scenery



We love this striped cowl neck sweater that Val designed for issue 46 of Knit Today



Val's adorable William & Kate wedding bears appeared in issue 59 of Knit Today

around me. If I'm making a toy I always research the animal I'm working on, looking at the stance, the colours and the eyes. I also carry a sketchbook with me wherever I go, so if an idea comes to mind I can jot it down.

What's your advice for budding designers?
If you have a passion for your hobby, follow it. There are sure to be setbacks and refusals along the way, but never give up. Don't worry about what other people say – everyone has to start somewhere. I look back at the things I made when I first began and smile to myself when I see how much I've progressed over the years. Above all, enjoy what you do.

"I look back at the things I made when I first began and smile to myself when I see how much I've progressed"

What's next for you?

I would love to have my own range of quality knitting yarns, which are not too expensive to buy. I'm always grateful to the wonderful knitters and crocheters who enjoy making my designs, and as long as they continue to do so, I'm more than happy to carry on designing patterns for them.



Val's Scandinavian set from issue 52 of Knit Today – it's one of her favourite designs to date

Toasty tootsies

Using toning shades of pale green yarn, even beginners can knit these cute little slippers in just an evening

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About the yarns

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55% nylon, 45% acrylic
50g/165m

Machine washable at 40°C

£3.33 from Sirdar stockists

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You will need

- 1x50g ball Sirdar Tiny Tots DK in Smoothie shade 925 (A)
- 1x50g ball Sirdar Snuggly DK in Wobble shade 403 (B)
- Oddments of cream, brown and black yarn for doggies' heads
- 3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) and 3.75mm (UK 9/US 5) knitting needles
- Small amount of toy stuffing

Size

- To fit a 3-6 month old baby

Tension

- 22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) square, on 3.75mm needles

Abbreviations

- **M1** Make a stitch by picking up strand of yarn between stitches and knitting into back of it
- For standard abbreviations, see page 89

More ideas...

Don't miss the irresistible patterns in *Cutest Ever Baby Knits* by Val Pierce. Love Knitting readers can buy it for £7.49 (rrp £9.99), with free UK p&p. Call 01206 255800 or visit www.newhollandpublishers.com and quote 'Love Knitting Baby'. Offer ends 20th January 2012, while stocks last.

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Keep baby's feet and toes cosy in these adorable slippers. They'll enjoy playing with them as much as they will wearing them! The slippers themselves are knitted separately from the doggies' heads, so if you want to add an alternative embellishment you can – just be sure to check that it conforms with toy safety standards first.

SLIPPERS

Make two alike.

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 27 sts.

Knit 1 row. Work shaping as follows:

Row 1: K2, (M1, k11, M1, k1) twice, k1 (31 sts).

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: K2, M1, k12, M1, k3, M1, k12, M1, k2 (35 sts).

Row 4: Knit.

Row 5: K2, M1, k13, M1, K5, M1, k13, M1, k2 (39 sts).

Row 6: Knit.

Row 7: K2, M1, k14, M1, k7, M1, k14, M1, k2 (43 sts).

Row 8: Knit.

Break off yarn A. Join in yarn B and work picot edging:

Next row: Beg knit work 4 rows st st.

Next row: K1, *yfwd, k2tog*, rep from * to * to end of row.

Next row: Purl.

Work 2 more rows in st st. Break yarn B. Change to yarn A and work 12 rows in garter stitch.

Shape instep

Row 1: K26, turn.

Row 2: K9, turn.

Row 3: K8, k2tog, turn.

Row 4: K8, k2togtbl, turn.

Rep last 2 rows 5 times more.

Next row: K9, then knit across remaining sts on left-hand needle.

Next row: Knit across all stitches, decreasing 1 st in centre of row (30 sts).

Now knit 2 rows in garter stitch across all stitches.

Change to yarn B and work in k2, p2 rib for 23 rows.

Change to yarn A and work 2 rows in k2, p2 rib.

Cast off loosely in rib.

DOGGIE'S HEAD

Make two alike.

Using 3.25mm needles and cream yarn, cast on 4 sts. Purl 1 row.

Next row: (RS) Inc in each st to end (8 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Inc in each st to end (16 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Work 6 rows in st st.

Next row: (K2tog) 8 times (8 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: (K2tog) 4 times (4 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Do not cast off. Run thread through remaining stitches, draw up tight and secure. Stitch seam but



add stuffing as you do. Close seam. Take a blunt-ended needle and thread yarn through every stitch on the 6th row of st st before the first dec row. Draw up quite firmly, to form the muzzle of the dog. Fasten off.

EARS

Make four alike.

Using 3.25mm needles and brown yarn, cast on 2 sts.

Knit 1 row.

Next row: Inc in each st (4 sts).

Next row: Knit.

Next row: Inc in first st, k2, inc in last st (6 sts).

Now work 4 rows in garter stitch.

Next row: K2tog, k2, k2tog (4 sts).

Next row: (K2tog) twice (2 sts).

Next row: K2tog and fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Work in all the ends. Working from wrong side of piece, fold picot edging together, sew the first and last rows in yarn B knitting together, matching stitch for stitch. This will form the pointed picot edge on the right side of the slipper.

Sew slipper foot and back seams. Fold over ribbed top in half to form cuff. To complete doggie's head, sew ears to either side of the head, as shown in photograph. Refer to photograph and use black yarn to embroider nose, eyes and mouth. Stitch heads very firmly to slipper fronts.

KNIT
THIS TOY
IN THE
ROUND



Simon Snake

And what noise does a snake make? Playtime will be even more enjoyable with Laura Long's Fair Isle toy



Our knitted snake
is so cuddly and not
at all scary!

You will need

- 3x50g balls of 100% merino wool DK in dark green (A), 1 in blue (B), 1 in pink (C), 1 in red (D) and 1 in light green (E)
- Oddments of white (F) and black (G) yarn
- 4mm (UK 8/US 6) knitting needles
- 6mm (UK 4/US 10) circular needle
- 3x6mm (UK 4/US 10) double-pointed needles

Size

• 90cm (35½in) long

Tension

• 16 sts and 21 rows to 10cm (4in) square, on 6mm needles. Don't worry if the gauge isn't exact – it doesn't matter if Simon's a little bigger or smaller than shown

Note

• You will be knitting with 2 strands of yarn throughout for the head and body. You start the snake from the straight part of the tail end, but not from the very end. This is finished later. Stuff the snake's head and body while you knit; the longer the tube of the body becomes, the harder it will be to stuff.

Abbreviations

• For standard abbreviations, see page 89

It's in the detail

When you're knitting in the round (i.e. on a circular needle), you should always use a length of waste yarn to mark the start of each row, and carry it up through your work.



Get your needles out and practise your Fair Isle technique – it's this that creates the patterning on Simon's body. His long, narrow body is knitted in the round using a circular needle, with double-pointed needles for the tip of the tail. You could knit his whole body in stripes if you prefer, using yarn oddments from your stash.

SNAKE

BODY

Using waste yarn, cast on 32 sts on a 6mm circular needle (this provisional cast-on will be removed later). Use a length of waste yarn to mark the start of each row (see It's in the detail, below left). K 4 rows.

Change to yarn A using 2 strands. Cont using 2 strands for the entire snake in all colours.

Row 1: K.

Row 2: K.

Row 3: K.

Row 4: Start pattern using the chart, right (this is an 8-row pattern), joining in yarn B on row 2. Rep these 8 pattern rows 13 times (14 colour bands in all).

The colour order is B, C, D, C, B, E, repeating until you get to the head.

HEAD (CONT FROM BODY)

Row 1: Using yarn A k7, kfb, kfb, k14, kfb, kfb, k7.

Row 2: K.

Row 3: K8, kfb, kfb, k16, kfb, kfb, k8.

Row 4: K.

Row 5: K9, kfb, kfb, k18, kfb, kfb, k9. (44 sts). K 11 rows.

Row 17: K8, skpo, k2, k2tog, k16, skpo, k2, k2tog, k8.

Row 18: K.

Row 19: K7, skpo, k2, k2tog, k14, skpo, k2, k2tog, k7.

Row 20: K.

Row 21: K6, skpo, k2, k2tog, k12, skpo, k2, k2tog, k6.

Row 22: K.

Row 23: K5, skpo, k2, k2tog, k10, skpo, k2, k2tog, k5.

Row 24: K.

Row 25: K4, skpo, k2, k2tog, k8, skpo, k2, k2tog, k4.

Row 26: K.

Row 27: K3, skpo, k2, k2tog, k6, skpo, k2, k2tog, k3.

Row 28: K.

Row 29: K2, skpo, k2, k2tog, k4, skpo, k2, k2tog, k2. 16 sts.

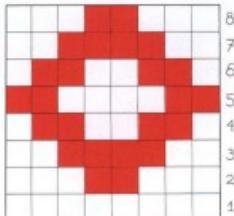
Row 30: K.

Bind off.

TAIL

Unravel the waste yarn from the start of the snake and slip the green stitches back onto the circular needles. Make sure you start on the 1st stitch. Keep stuffing the snake as you go along; as you knit, the hole becomes smaller and smaller, and you won't be able to stuff it in one go at the end.

FAIR ISLE CHART



Main colour (yarn A)

Contrast colour

Again, remember to use a length of waste yarn to mark the start of each row.

Row 1: Using yarn E, k. 32 sts.

Row 2: K.

Row 3: Using yarn A, k.

Row 4: [k6, k2tog] 4 times. 28 sts.

Row 5: Using yarn B, k.

Row 6: K.

Row 7: Using yarn A, k.

Row 8: [k5, k2tog] 4 times. 24 sts.

Row 9: Using yarn C, k.

Row 10: K.

Row 11: Using yarn A, k.

Row 12: [k4, k2tog] 4 times. 20 sts.

Row 13: K.

Row 14: K.

Row 15: Using yarn D, k.

Row 16: [k3, k2tog] 4 times. 16 sts.

Row 17: K.

Row 18: K.

Because you have only a few stitches now, we would advise changing to 3 double-pointed needles instead of the circular needle, as the work will be easier to manage. Divide your stitches equally onto 2 of the needles and knit with the 3rd needle.

Row 19: [k2, k2tog] 4 times. 12 sts.

Row 20: K.

Row 21: K.

Row 22: [k1, k2tog] to end of row. 8 sts.

Row 23: K.



If you want your snake to be hypo-allergenic, try knitting him in organic cotton or bamboo yarn

Row 24: K.
Row 25: K.
Row 26: K.
Row 27: K.
 Pull yarn through rem sts.

EYES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 4 sts with a single strand of yarn A, using 4mm knitting needles.

Row 1: Kfb in each st. 8 sts.

Row 2: P.

Row 3: Kfb in each st. 16 sts.

Row 4: P.

Cont in st st for 4 rows.

Row 9: Using yarn F, k.

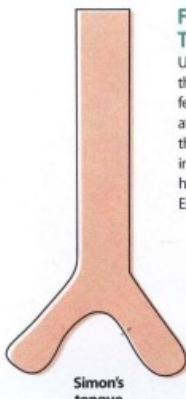
Row 10: P.

Row 11: K2tog to end of row.

Row 12: Using yarn G, p.

Row 13: K2tog to end of row.

Thread yarn through needle to close.



FINISHING TOUCHES

Using the template, left, cut the snake's tongue from red felt and stitch it into the gap at the front of the head. Close the gap with the tongue included. Sew eyes onto the head (as shown in the photo). Embroider little nose details.

More ideas...

You can create a whole playroom of toys with Knitted Toy Tales by Laura Long. Love Knitting readers can buy it for just £6.50 (rp £14.99), including free UK p&p. Call 0844 880 5852 or visit www.wncraft.co.uk and quote R11431. Offer ends 20th January 2012, while stocks last.





Heart warmer

Susie John's pretty crossover top can be worn over a T-shirt, dress or romper suit to keep your little girl warm. The border of hearts and cord tie make pretty finishing touches

Your little one will look gorgeously girly in this pretty pink top. As it's sleeveless, it's ideal to wear in autumn, spring, and on summer evenings.

The top is worked in stocking stitch and the hearts running along the bottom are made by following a chart (p60). Finally, the edgings are worked in rib and the tie on the side is made by knitting a tight tube on double-pointed needles – this is called the i-cord technique.

This makes a good starter project for those who've never done any colour work before. However, if you're not confident working the hearts but have fallen in love with this top, you could always leave them off and knit the top plain.



About the yarn

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50g/116m

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CROSSOVER TOP *



*The yarn's 5% cashmere
content makes this
top irresistibly soft*



You will need

- 2 (2: 2) x 50g balls Sublime Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK in Mousse shade 121 (A) and 1 (1: 1) in Jammy shade 102 (B)
- 2.75mm (UK 12/US 2) and 3.25mm (UK 10/US 5) knitting needles
- 2x3mm (UK 11/US 2) double-pointed knitting needles
- Tapestry needle
- 1x12mm (½in) button
- Sewing needle
- Sewing thread to match yarn

Size

- To fit 3 (6: 9) months
- Actual size: width across back 23 (25.5: 28.5) cm or 9 (10: 11½) in

Tension

- 23 sts and 30 rows to 4in (10cm) square over st st, on 3.25mm needles

Note

The chart shows you the 8-stitch pattern to repeat for the heart border. In addition, the number of edge stitches needed at the beginning and end of the band is marked for each size. So, if you are knitting, for example, the 1st size, on the first row (which is a knit row) work the first 3 sts as indicated from the right of the chart, then repeat the 8-stitch marked section until you reach the last 9 stitches on the left-hand needle. Then work the last 9 stitches as indicated.

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 89

More ideas...

There's a whole collection of clothes and accessories waiting for you inside *Cute and Easy Baby Knits* by Susie Johns, £12.99. To order for the special price of £10.99 with free p&p, call 01256 302699 and quote GLR61Q. To find out more visit www.cicbooks.co.uk



Crossover Top

BACK

With 2.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 52 (58: 64) sts.

Row 1: [P1, k1] to end.

Rep this row 7 times more.

Change to 3.25mm needles.

Beg with a k row, work in st st (1 row knit, 1 row purl) for 4 rows.

Join in yarn B and work 5 rows of chart.

Cont in yarn A, work a further 3 (7: 11) rows in st st, stitch with no further shaping.

Shape armholes

Next row: Cast off 3 sts, k to end. 49 (55: 61) sts.

Next row: Cast off 3 sts, p to end. 46 (52: 58) sts.

Next row: Cast off 2 sts, k to end. 44 (50: 56) sts.

Next row: Cast off 2 sts, p to end. 42 (48: 54) sts. Dec 1 st at beg of next 4 (6: 8) rows. 38 (42: 46) sts. Cont in st st without further shaping, until work measures 17 (19: 21) cm or 6½ (7½: 8½) in from cast-on edge, ending with a purl row.

Shape shoulder and neck

Row 1: Cast off 5 (6: 7) sts, then k 7 (8: 9) sts, turn and leave rem sts on a stitch holder.

Row 2: Cast off 3 sts, p to end. 5(6:7) sts.

Cast off rem sts. Rejoin yarn to st s on holder.

Next row: Cast off 12 (12: 12) sts, k to end.

13 (15: 17) sts.

Next row: Cast off 5 (6: 7) sts, p to end. 8 (9: 10) sts.

Next row: Cast off 3 sts, k to end. 5(6:7) sts.

Cast off rem sts.

RIGHT FRONT

With 2.75mm needles and yarn A, cast-on 52 (58: 64) sts.

Row 1: [P1, k1] to end.

Rep this row 7 times more.

Change to 3.25mm needles.

Beg with a k row, work in st st stitch for 4 rows.

Join in yarn B and work 2 rows of chart.

Starting on 3rd row of chart, beg front shaping: cast off 2, k to end. 50 (56: 62) sts

Complete 4th row of chart, dec 1 at front edge. 49 (55: 61) sts

On 5th row of chart, dec 1, k to end.

Cont in yarn A, work in st st stitch dec 1 st on front edge on every row for a further 4 (8: 12) rows, ending with a knit row.

Shape armhole

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row, 2 sts at beg of next alt row and 1 st on armhole edge of next 2 (3:4) alt rows, at the same time, dec 1 st on front edge of every row until 10 (12: 14) sts rem. Cont without further shaping until Front matches Back to beg of shoulder shaping, ending at armhole edge.

Shape shoulder

Cast off 5 (6: 7) sts at beg of next row. 5 (6: 7) sts Work 1 row.

Cast off rem sts.

LEFT FRONT

Work as for Right Front, but reversing shaping.

BORDERS

Armhole bands

Stitch shoulder seams.

With right side facing, using 2.75mm needles and yarn A, pick up and knit 73 (79: 85) sts around armhole edge.

Row 1: K1, [p1, k1] to end.

Row 2: P1, [k1, p1] to end.

Rep row 1 once more.

Cast off in rib.

Rep for second armhole.

Front borders and neck

Stitch side seams.

Fold ribbing on lower edge in half to WS and slip stitch cast-on edge to last row of ribbing. With RS facing, using 2.75mm needles and yarn A, and starting on 2nd st up from folded edge, pick up and knit 7 sts up straight edge on Right Front, 55 (61: 67) sts up Right Front sloping edge to shoulder, 22 (24: 26) sts across back neck, 55 (61: 67) sts down Left Front sloping edge, and 8 sts down straight edge on Left Front. 147 (161: 175) sts.

Row 1: K1, [p1, k1] to end.

Row 2: P1, [k1, p1] to end.

Rep row 1 once more.

Cast off in rib.

CORD TIE

With 3mm double-pointed needles, cast on 3 sts.

Row 1: K3, do not turn but slide sts to other end of needle. Rep row 1, pulling yarn tightly across back of work, until work measures 45cm (17½in).

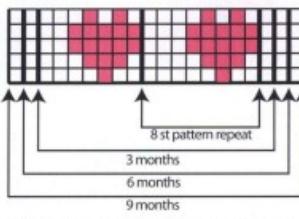
Cast off.

Stitch centre of cord in place on outside, at base of left side seam.

TO FINISH

Weave in any loose ends neatly. On corner of left front make a buttonhole loop in matching yarn. Stitch a button on inside, at base of right side seam, to correspond with loop.

CHART



Main colour (A)

Contrast colour (B)

Stripe the Zebra

Knit this eye-catching animal to sit on baby's toy shelf, alongside more conventional teddy bears and dolls

Debbie Bliss



About the yarn

DEBBIE BLISS RIALTO DK

100% extra fine merino wool

50g/105m

Machine washable at 30°C

£5.50 from Debbie Bliss stockists

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Knit your zebra as he is, or kit him out with a fabric and ricrac apron

You will need

- ◆ 1x50g ball Debbie Bliss Rialto DK in Black (A) and 1 in Ecru (B)
- ◆ 3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) knitting needles
- ◆ Tapestry needle
- ◆ Washable toy stuffing
- ◆ 12x24cm (4½x9½in) of fabric (optional)
- ◆ 1m (1yd) of ricrac braid (optional)

Size

◆ 25cm (10in) high

Tension

◆ 25 sts and 56 rows to 10cm (4in) square, on 3.25mm needles

Note

◆ All parts worked on 3.25mm needles.
Pattern is worked in 2-row g st stripes of A and B. Use a washable, flame retardant, non toxic toy stuffing that adheres to UK and EU safety regs (BS5852, BS1425, EN71, PT2). For optional apron, follow cutting guide (far right), edge with ricrac and use ricrac for strap and tie.

Abbreviations

- ◆ M1 Make a stitch by picking up strand of yarn between stitches and knitting into back of it
- ◆ s2togkpo slip next 2 sts tog, k1, then pass slipped sts over knit st
- ◆ For standard abbreviations see page 89

It's in the detail

Use M1 for neat, unobtrusive increases in garter and stocking stitch. M1 means 'make 1'. Do this by picking up the bar of yarn between the stitch you've just knitted (now on right-hand needle) and the stitch you're about to knit; pick bar up with the left needle and knit into the back of it, to form a new stitch.



Inspired by the animals of the African savannahs, there's no mistaking this knitted zebra with his distinctive black and white stripes. His luscious mane and swishy tail help make him a welcome addition to any baby's toy shelf. When finished, you can even dress him up in a smart cotton apron, trimmed with ricrac.

ZEBRA TOY**FRONT LEGS (MAKE 2)****Hoof**

With A, cast on 4 sts.

Next row: (RS) With A, (kfb) 3 times, k1, 7 sts. P 1 row A.

Next row: With A, (k1, M1, k2, M1) twice, k1, (11 sts).

Beg with a p row, work 2 rows st st in A.

Next row: (WS) With A, p3, p2togtbl, p1, p2tog, p3, 9 sts.

Leg

K2 rows B.

K1 row A.

Next row: (WS) With A, k3, (M1, k3) twice. Beg with B and cont in garter st stripes of 2 rows B and 2 rows A, k 22 rows, so ending with a 2-row stripe in B.

Leave sts on a holder.

BODY**Front (worked from base upwards)**

With A, cast on 13 sts and k 1 row.

Next row: (RS) With B, k6, M1, k1, M1, k6, 15 sts. K 1 row B.

K2 rows A.

Next row: With B, k7, M1, k1, M1, k7, 17 sts.

K 1 row B.

K2 rows A.

Beg with B, k a further 22 rows in 2-row stripes, so ending with a B stripe. Leave sts on the needle.

Back (work exactly as given for Front)**Upper body**

With right side facing and A, k across 17 sts of Body Back, k11 sts of Left Front Leg, k17 sts of Body Front, k11 sts of Right Front Leg. 56 sts. K 1 row A.

Next row: With B, (skpo, k13, k2tog, skpo, k7, k2tog) twice. 48 sts.

K 1 row B.

K 2 rows A.

Next row: With B, (skpo, k3, skpo, k1, k2tog, k3, k2tog, skpo, k5, k2tog) twice. 36 sts.

K 1 row B.

K 2 rows A.

Next row: With B, (skpo, k1, skpo, k1, k2tog, k1,

k2tog, skpo, k3, k2tog) twice. 24 sts.

K 1 row B.

K 2 rows A.

Next row: With B, (skpo, s2togkpo, k2tog, skpo, k1, k2tog) twice. (12 sts).

K 1 row B.

K 2 rows A.

Cut yarn, thread through rem 12 sts, pull up and secure. Join shaped edges of upper body, then continue to join side seam.

Join rem side seam and join front leg seams.

Stuff front legs and body, leaving cast on body edges open.

HEAD

With A, cast on 5 sts.

Next row: (RS) (kfb) 4 times, k1. (9 sts).

P 1 row.

Next row: (K2, M1) twice, k1, (M1, k2) twice. 13 sts. P 1 row.

Now work in 2-row garter st stripes of B and A throughout as follows:

K 2 rows B.

Next row: (RS) With A, k1, M1, k to last st, M1, k1, 15 sts.

K 9 rows.

Next row: K4, M1, k1, M1, k5, M1, k1, M1, k4, 19 sts.

K 11 rows.

Next row: K4, skpo, skpo, k3, k2tog, k2tog, k4, 15 sts.

K 1 row.

Next row: K3, skpo, skpo, k1, k2tog, k2tog, k3, 11 sts.

K 1 row.

Next row: K1, skpo, skpo, k1, k2tog, k2tog, k1, 7 sts.

Next row: (WS) Skpo, s2togkpo, k2tog, 3 sts. Cut yarn and thread through rem sts, pull up and secure.

Join seam, leaving a small gap, stuff head lightly, close gap in seam.

Work a few sts in A on the head for the eyes, then work a central stitch in B on each eye.

EARS (MAKE 2)

With A, cast on 3 sts.

K 2 rows.

Next row: S2togkpo.

Fasten off.
Sew ears in place to head.

BACK LEGS (MAKE 2)

With A, cast on 8 sts and p 1 row.

Next row: (RS) (Kfb) 7 times, k1. (15 sts).

P 1 row.

Next row: K1, M1, k4, (M1, k1) 6 times, k3, M1,

k1. (23 sts).

P 1 row.

Next row: K9, k2tog, k1, skpo, k9. (21 sts).

P 1 row.

Next row: K8, k2tog, k1, skpo, k8. (19 sts).

Next row: P7, p2togtbl, p1, p2tog, p7. (17 sts).

Next row: K7, s2togkpo, k7. (15 sts).

P 1 row.

Next row: K5, k2tog, k1, skpo, k5. (13 sts).

P 1 row.

Beg with 2 rows in B, k 44 rows in 2-row garter st stripes of B and A throughout.

Cast off.

Join seam, leaving cast off edges open. Stuff lightly. With seams at the back, sew legs together side-by-side at the top edge.

TO MAKE UP

Position the joined back legs inside the open edge of the body and stitch in place all around, closing all the open edges. Sew head to body.

To make the optional apron, cut the fabric by referring to the cutting diagram, right. Edge with ricrac braid, and add ricrac strap and ties.

TAIL

Make a plait with 6 strands of yarn, knot the end and cut the strands to finish the tail. Sew to the back of the body.



MANE

STEP 1

Thread an 8cm (3 1/4in) loop of yarn through the eye of a needle and insert the point of the needle, from top to bottom, through the bar in the centre of a stitch.

STEP 2

Pull the yarn loop through,

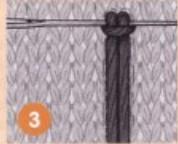
then remove the needle. Pass the 2 yarn ends through the loop.

STEP 3

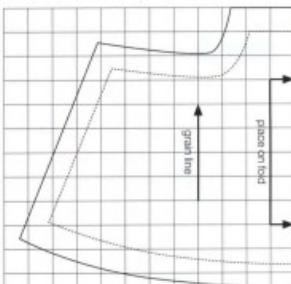
Place needle under double yarn, above loop, and pull the yarn ends to tighten the loop around the yarn.

Repeat these steps, working

the mane down the centre back head and partway down the centre back of the body, making sure the yarn is securely held in place, so that it can't be easily removed. You may need to add a couple of stitches in sewing thread to each tuft of hair, to make absolutely sure.



Horse lovers: turn your zebra into a pony by using just one colour for the main parts, while keeping the nose and hooves black



— cutting line

- - - seam allowance

□ 1cm (1/2in) square

More ideas...

Treat the ones you love with the projects inside Knits to Give by Debbie Bliss. Love Knitting readers can buy it for just £14.99 (rrp £18.99), including free UK p&p. Call 01256 302699 and quote 6H2. Offer ends 20th January 2012, while stocks last.





Being square, this can be folded in half diagonally for swaddling, or opened out to use as a cot cover

**KNIT A
& PRETTY
GIFT**

Snug and warm

A cellular blanket, like this one from Susie Johns, is the classic choice for keeping baby cosy

About the yarn

ROWAN CASHSOFT BABY DK

57% extra fine merino wool, 33% acrylic

microfibre, 10% cashmere

50g/115m

Machine washable at 30°C

£5.75 from Rowan stockists

www.knitrowan.com 01484 681881



BLANKET

You will need

- 8x50g balls Rowan Cashsoft Baby DK in Snowman shade 800
- 4mm (UK 8/US 6) circular knitting needle, from 40-100cm (16-40in) long
- Tapestry needle

Size

- 85x85cm (33½x33½in)
- Border: 5cm (2in) wide

Tension

- 17 sts and 36 rows to 10cm (4in) over moss stitch, on 4mm needles

Note

- The blanket is made in one piece
- Though this blanket is worked in rows, it's advisable to work back and forth on a circular knitting needle, as this accommodates a greater number of stitches than a pair of straight needles, and helps to distribute the knitting's weight more evenly

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 89

It's in the detail

Knitting this blanket in one piece, incorporating the moss borders, makes it the best choice for baby, as there are no uncomfortable seams.



Cellular blankets, like this one, are an absolute must for newborn babies – but not all of the ones available are so beautiful and soft! The cellular fabric, which is punctuated by small holes, is safer to use than a solid blanket as it's easier for baby to breathe through it. And it should keep them nice and cosy, without being too hot.

Use up any leftover Rowan Cashsoft Baby DK on toys, clothes and more...



BABY BLANKET

With 4mm circular needle, cast on 145 sts.

Row 1: S1 knitwise, [p1, k1] to end.

Rep row 1 until work measures 5cm (2in) from cast-on edge.

Begin cellular patt

Row 1: S1 knitwise, [p1, k1] 5 times, k1, [yo, k2tog] 61 times, k1, [p1, k1] 5 times, from cast-on edge, working back and forth – do not join in the round.

Row 2: S1 knitwise, [p1, k1] 5 times, k124 (or to last 10 sts), [p1, k1] 5 times.

Row 3: As row 2. Rows 1-3 form patt, rep until work measures 80cm (31½in) from cast-on edge, ending with row 2 of patt.

Next row: S1 knitwise, [p1, k1] to end.

Rep last row until work measures 85cm (33½in) from cast-on edge.

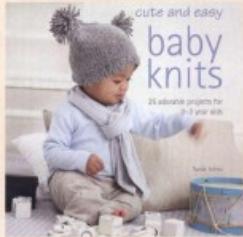
Cast-off knitwise.

TO FINISH

Darn in any loose ends neatly.

More ideas...

There's a whole collection of clothes and accessories waiting for you inside *Cute and Easy Baby Knits* by Susie Johns – visit www.cloobooks.co.uk for more info. To buy for the special price of £10.99 (rrp £12.99) with free p&p, call 01256 302699 and quote GLR0H. Offer ends 20th January 2012, while stocks last.



Simply elegant

This sweet project will bring a touch of class to baby's wardrobe! It's been designed for you by Val Pierce

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About this yarn

SIRDAR SNUGGLY DK

55% nylon, 45% acrylic

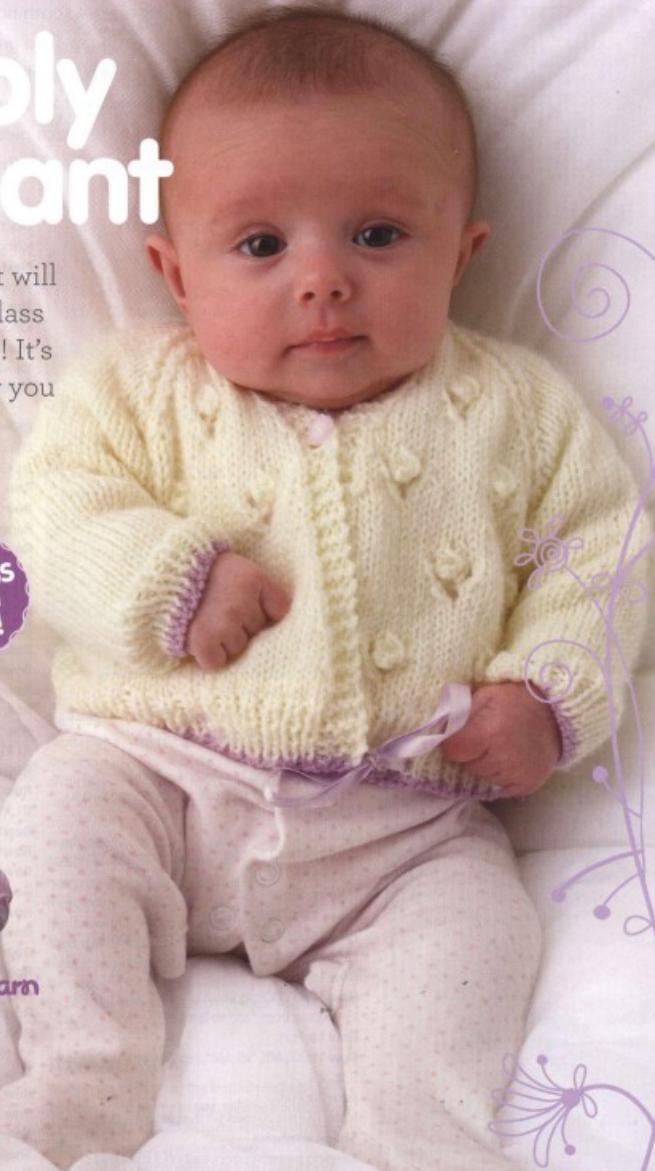
50g/165m

Machine washable at 40°C

£3.33 from Sirdar stockists

www.sirdar.co.uk

01924 231682



You will need

- 1x50g balls Sirdar Snuggly DK in Lilac shade 219 and 2 in Cream shade 303
- 3.75mm (UK 9/US 5) knitting needles
- 2 lilac buttons
- 50cm (20in) lilac satin ribbon

Size

- To fit newborn-3 month old baby: chest 46cm (18in), length 19cm (7½in), sleeve length 15cm (6in)

Tension

- 22 sts and 44 rows to 10cm (4in) square, on 3.75mm needles

Abbreviations

- MB (make bobble): K1, p1, k1, p1, k1 all into next st to make 5 sts, turn and purl 5, turn, pass 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sts one at a time over first st, then knit into the back of this st
- For standard abbreviations see page 89

It's in the detail

It's easy to adjust the length of the sleeves. Work the lilac part of the sleeve first, as per the pattern, then switch to cream and work more or less rows, as required, before shaping the armholes.



Cream and pale lilac make a soothing colour combination for this sweet ballet-wrap cardigan. It's a great project for intermediate knitters; the sleeves are plain, while the back and front are worked in an eyelet and bobble pattern. The front bands are worked as an integral part of each front. Once you've knitted each piece and sewn them all together, add the buttons and satin ribbon ties for the perfect finishing touch.

BALLET-WRAP CARDI

SLEEVES

Make two alike.

Using 3.75mm needles and lilac yarn, cast on 32 sts. Change to cream yarn and work in k1 p1 rib for 10 rows.

Change to st st and inc 1 st at each end of 5th and every following 6th row until there are 42 sts on needle.

Continue in st st without shaping until work measures 15cm (6in), ending on a purl row.

Shape top

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows (36 sts).

Next row: K1, sl1, k1, pss0, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: K1, purl to last st, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows until 6 sts remain. Cast off.

BACK

Using 3.75mm needles and lilac yarn, cast on 57 sts. Change to cream yarn and work in k1 p1 rib for 10 rows.

Change to st st and work pattern as follows:

Rows 1-4: Work in st st.

Row 5: K3, *yfwd, sl1, k1, pss0, k8*, repeat from * to last 4 sts, yfwd, sl1, k1, pss0, k2.

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: K1, *k2tog, yfwd, k1, yfwd, sl1, k1, pss0, k5*, repeat from * to last 6 sts, k2tog, yfwd, k1, yfwd, sl1, k1, pss0, k1.

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: K3, MB, *k9, MB*, repeat from * to * to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 10: Purl.

Rows 11-14: Work in st st.

Row 15: K8, *yfwd, sl1, k1, pss0, k8*, repeat from * to * to last 9 sts, yfwd, sl1, k1, pss0, k7.

Row 16: Purl.

Row 17: K6, *k2tog, yfwd, k1, yfwd, sl1, k1, pss0, k5*, repeat from * to * to last st, k1.

Row 18: Purl.

Row 19: K8, MB, *k9, MB*, repeat from * to * to last 8 sts, k8.

Row 20: Purl.

Note: The last 20 rows set the pattern repeat.

Shape armholes

Keeping pattern correct, cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows (51 sts).

Next row: K1, sl1, k1, pss0, pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: K1, purl to last st, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows until 29 sts remain.

Next row: K1, sl1, k1, pss0, pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: K1, p2tog, pattern to last 3 sts, p2togtbl, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows until 13 sts remain. Cast off.

RIGHT FRONT

Using 3.75mm needles and lilac yarn, cast on 38 sts. Change to cream yarn and proceed:

Row 1: K5 (p1, k1) to last st, p1.

Row 2: (K1, p1) to last 4 sts, k4.

Repeat last 2 rows once more.

Row 5: K5, (p1, k1) 5 times, p1, ym, p2tog, k1, (p1, k1) 9 times, p1.

Repeat row 2 once and then rows 1 and 2 twice more.

Now work pattern and shape front as follows:

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Purl to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 3: K4, sl1, k1, pss0, knit to end (37 sts).

Row 4: Purl to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 5: K13, (yfwd, sl1, k1, pss0, k8) twice, yfwd, sl1, k1, pss0, k2.

Row 6: Purl to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 7: K4, sl1, k1, pss0, (k5, k2tog, yfwd, k1, yfwd, sl1, k1, pss0) 3 times, k1 (36 sts).

Row 8: Purl to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 9: K12, MB, (k9, MB) twice, k3.

Row 10: Purl to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 11: K4, sl1, k1, pss0, knit to end (35 sts).

Row 12: Purl to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 13: Knit.

Row 14: Purl to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 15: K4, sl1, k1, pss0, K10, yfwd, sl1, k1, pss0, k8, yfwd, sl1, k1, pss0, k7 (34 st).

Row 16: Purl to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 17: K13, (k2tog, yfwd, k1, yfwd, sl1, k1, pss0, k5) twice, k1.

Row 18: Purl to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 19: K4, sl1, k1, pss0, (k9, MB) twice, k8 (33 sts).

Row 20: Purl to last 4 st, k4.

Note: The last 20 rows set the pattern repeat.

Shape armholes

Next row: Knit.

Next row: Cast off 3 sts, purl to end (30 sts).

Next row: K4, sl1, k1, pss0, pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: K1, purl to last 4 sts, k4.

Keeping pattern correct, decreasing at armhole on alt rows and front inside edge on every 4th row as before, work until 25 sts remain, ending on a WS row.

Next row: K2, yfwd, k2tog, pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: K1, purl to last 4 sts, k4.

Continue decreasing at armhole and front inside edge as before until 13 sts remain, ending on a WS row.

Next row: K10, k2tog, k1.

Next row: K1, p2tog, purl to last 4 sts, k4.

Next row: K4, sl1, k1, pss0, k2, k2tog, k1.

Next row: K1, p2tog, p2, k4.

Next row: K5, k2tog, k1.

Next row: K1, p2tog, k4.

Next row: K4, k2tog.

Next row: K2tog, k3 (4 sts).

Work 16 rows in garter stitch on these 4 sts. Cast off.

LEFT FRONT

Using 3.75mm needles and lilac yarn, cast on 38 sts. Change to cream yarn and proceed:

Row 1: (P1, k1) to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 2: K4, (p1, k1) to end.

Repeat last 2 rows 4 times more. Now work pattern and shape front slope as follows:

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: K4, purl to end.

Row 3: Knit to last 6 sts, k2tog, k4 (37 sts).

Row 4: K4, purl to end.

Row 5: K3, (yfwd, sl1, k1, pss0, k8) 3 times, k4.

Row 6: K4, purl to end.

Row 7: K1, (k2tog, yfwd, k1, yfwd, sl1, k1, pss0, k5) 3 times, k2tog, k4 (36 sts).

Row 8: K4 purl to end.

Row 9: K3, (MB, k9) twice, MB, k12.

Row 10: K4, purl to end.

Row 11: Knit to last 6 sts, k2tog, k4 (35 sts).

Row 12: K4, purl to end.

Row 13: Knit.

Row 14: K4, purl to end.

Row 15: (K8, yfwd, sl1, k1, pss0) twice, k9, k2tog, k4 (34 sts).

Row 16: K4, purl to end.

Row 17: K6, (k2tog, yfwd, k1, yfwd, sl1, k1, pss0, k5) twice, k8.

Row 18: K4, purl to end.

Row 19: K8, (MB, k9) twice, k2tog, k4 (33 sts).

Row 20: K4, purl to end.

Note: The last 20 rows set the pattern repeat.

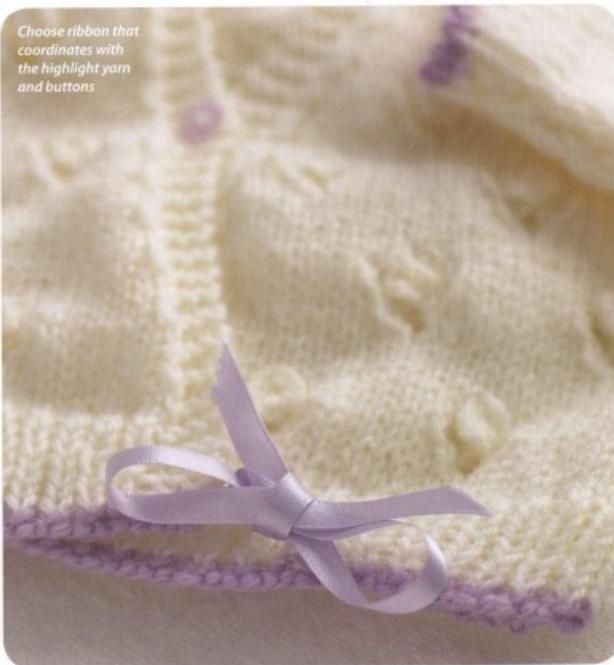
Shape armhole

Next row: Cast off 3 sts, pattern to end (30 sts).

Next row: K4, purl to last st, k1.

Next row: K1, sl1, k1, pss0, patt to last 6 sts,

Choose ribbon that coordinates with the highlight yarn and buttons



k2tog, k4.

Next row: K4, purl to last st, k1.

Keeping pattern correct, decreasing at armhole on alt rows and front inside edge on every 4th row as before, work until 13 sts remain, ending on a WS row.

Next row: K1, sl1, k1, pss0, k2, k2tog, k1.

Next row: K4, p2, p2tog tbl, k1.

Next row: K1, sl1, k1, pss0, k2, k2tog, k4.

Next row: K4, p2, p2tog tbl, k1.

Next row: K1, sl1, k1, pss0, k5.

Next row: K4, p2tog tbl, k1.

Next row: S1, k1, pss0, k4.

Next row: K3, k2tog,tbl (4 st).

Work 16 rows in garter stitch on these 4 sts.

Cast off.

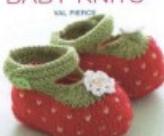
TO MAKE UP

Work in the ends on all the knitted pieces and join the raglan seams neatly. Join the front bands together and stitch them to the remaining neck edge. Join the side and sleeve seams. Attach ribbons and buttons to the cardigan to correspond with the buttonholes.

More ideas...

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Twilleys of Stamford

In vogue

Isn't this little poncho stylish? It can be worn for a long time as baby grows, without becoming too tight, so will last far longer than most baby clothes

Ponchos are top of the trends at the moment, and that includes ones for babies, too! Not only do they look great, but they're also much easier to dress babies in than sweaters, as there's no need to struggle getting their active arms in the sleeves – just pop it over their head and you're done.

This pattern is ideal for beginners and intermediate knitters, and it's so much fun to create that it's likely

you'll want to make it more than once. We love the colour of this one – the vivid purple is a great choice for autumn or the festive season.

Twilleys Freedom Gorgeous DK also comes in pastel colours (see lemon, below) if that's what you prefer, as well as some other stronger shades such as Crocus (mauve), Acorn (brown) and Parsley (green).



About the yarn

TWILLEYS FREEDOM GORGEOUS DK

75% bamboo, 25% nylon

50g/125m

Machine washable at 30°C

£3.20 from Twilleys stockists

www.tbramsden.co.uk

01943 872264

PONCHO

You can knit this easy
poncho for babies aged
from 0 to 18 months



You will need

- 1-2x50g balls Twilleys Freedom Gorgeous DK in Cyclamen shade 721
- 3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) and 4mm (UK 8/US 6) knitting needles
- 3 buttons

Tension

- 24 stitches and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) square over st st, on 4mm needles

Abbreviations

For standard abbreviations see page 89



For the scalloped edge, your cast-on and first row can't be too tight. If you usually have a tight cast on, use a bigger size needle and vice versa...

It's in the detail

Short-row shaping is used for the lower edge of the poncho. Once mastered, this technique can be used in many other pieces, such as shaping socks or darts.



Sizing guide

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

		0-3 months	3-6 months	6-12 months	12-18 months
Chest	cm in	41 16	45 18	51 20	56 22
Actual measurement (at widest point)	cm in	63 24½	71 28	79 31	88 34½
Length to back neck	cm in	17 6½	18 7	19 7¼	20 7¾

PONCHO

BACK

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 156 (178; 200; 222) sts.

Row 1: (WS) Purf.

Row 2: K2, *K1 and slip this st back onto left needle, lift 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th sts on left needle over this st and off left needle, [yfwd] twice, K st slipped back onto left needle again, K2, rep from * to end.

Row 3: K1, *P2tog, drop next yfwd, [K1, P1, K1, P1] into next yfwd, P1, rep from * to last st, K1, 86 (98; 110; 122) sts.

Rows 4 and 5: Knit.

Row 6: (RS) K2 (0; 5; 4), K2tog, [K6 (6; 5; 5), K2tog] 10 (12; 14; 16) times, K2 (0; 5; 4). 75 (85; 95; 105) sts. Change to 4mm needles.

Row 7: Knit.

These 7 rows complete scallop edging.

Now shape lower edge as follows:

Row 1: (RS) K47 (57; 65; 75), wrap next st (by slipping next st from left needle onto right needle, taking yarn to opposite side of work between needles and then slipping same st back onto left needle – when working back across wrapped sts, work the wrapped st and the loop that wraps it tog as one st) and turn.

Row 2: P19 (29; 35; 45), wrap next st and turn.

Row 3: K24 (34; 40; 50), wrap next st and turn.

Row 4: P29 (39; 45; 55), wrap next st and turn.

Row 5: K33 (43; 49; 59), wrap next st and turn.

Row 6: P37 (47; 53; 63), wrap next st and turn.

Row 7: K40 (50; 56; 66), wrap next st and turn.

Row 8: P43 (53; 59; 69), wrap next st and turn.

Row 9: K45 (55; 61; 71), wrap next st and turn.

Row 10: P47 (57; 63; 73), wrap next st and turn.

Row 11: K49 (59; 65; 75), wrap next st and turn.

Row 12: P51 (61; 67; 77), wrap next st and turn.

Cont in this way, working 2 more sts on every row before wrapping next st and turning, until the foll row has been worked:

Next row: (WS) P71 (81; 91; 101), wrap next st

and turn.

Next row: K to end.

Next row: Purl.

Lower edge shaping is now completed. Starting with a K row, now work in st st as follows:** Dec 1 st at each end of next 10 (14; 16; 20) rows, ending with a WS row. 55 (57; 63; 65) sts.

Place red marker at beg of last row to denote base of left shoulder opening.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 4 (4; 2; 2) rows, ending with a WS row. 47 (49; 59; 61) sts.

Cast off 3 (3; 4; 4) sts at beg of next 4 rows. 35 (37; 43; 45) sts.

Shape back neck

Next row: (RS) cast off 3 (3; 4; 4) sts, K until there are 6 (6; 7; 7) sts on right needle and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder.

Work on this set of sts only for first side of neck.

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row.

Cast off rem 3 (3; 4; 4) sts.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to sts on holder, cast off centre 17 (19; 21; 23) sts, K to end.

Cast off 3 (3; 4; 4) sts at beg of next row, then 3 sts at beg of foll row.

Cast off rem 3 (3; 4; 4) sts.

FRONT

Work as given for back to **.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 8 (12; 10; 14) rows, ending with a WS row. 59 (61; 75; 77) sts.

For 1st and 2nd sizes only

Shape for shoulder band and front neck.

Next row: (RS) K2tog, K1, K2tog and turn.

Next row: P3tog and fasten off – this fasten-off point matches to red marker along left back shoulder edge.

Rejoin yarn to rem sts with RS facing and now beg neck shaping as follows:

Next row: (RS) K2tog and place blue marker at base of this st, K16 and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder.



For a neckline where the shaping 'leans' the same way, follow K2tog on RS by P2tog (for neck edge of left front). For right front neck edge, follow K2tog through back of loop on k row, by P2tog through back of loop on next row

Cont on this set of 17 sts only for first side.
Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 4 rows, then on foll alt row and at same time cast off 3 sts at beg of 2nd and foll 2 alt rows. 3 sts.
Work 1 row, ending with a WS row.
Cast off rem 3 sts.

For 3rd and 4th sizes only

Shape front neck
Next row: (RS) K2tog, K28 and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder.
Cont on this set of 29 sts only for first side.
Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows, ending with a WS row. 23 sts.

Shape for shoulder band

Next row: (RS) K2tog, K1, K2tog and turn.

Next row: P3tog and fasten off – this fasten-off point matches to red marker along left back shoulder edge.

Rejoin yarn to rem sts with RS facing and now cont neck shaping as follows:

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row, placing blue marker at base of first cast-off st, then cast off 4 sts at beg of foll 2 alt rows and at same time dec 1 st at neck edge of next and foll 2 alt rows.
Work 1 row, ending with a WS row.
Cast off rem 4 sts.

For all sizes

Rejoin yarn to rem sts with RS facing, cast off centre 13 (15; 15; 17) sts, K to last 2 sts, K2tog, 22 (22; 29; 29) sts.
Dec 1 st at side/shoulder edge of next 5 (5; 7; 7) rows and at same time dec 1 st at neck edge

of next 4 rows, then on foll 0 (0; 1; 1) alt row.

13 (13; 17; 17) sts.

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next row, ending with a RS row. 12 (12; 16; 16) sts.

Cast off 3 (3; 4; 4) sts at beg of next and foll 2 alt rows.
Work 1 row. Cast off rem 3 (3; 4; 4) sts.

BACK BUTTON BAND

With RS facing and using 3.25mm needles, pick up and knit 16 (16; 18; 18) sts evenly along the left back shoulder edge, between the neck and red marker.

Row 1: (WS) K2tog, K to end. 15 (15; 17; 17) sts.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: As row 1.

Row 4: K to last 2 sts, K2tog. 13 (13; 15; 15) sts.
Cast off knitwise (on WS).

FRONT BUTTONHOLE BAND

With RS facing and using 3.25mm needles, pick up and knit 13 (13; 15; 15) sts evenly along left front shoulder edge between blue marker and neck.

Row 1: (WS) inc in first st, K to end.

14 (14; 16; 16) sts.

Row 2: K4 (4; 5; 5), yfwd, K2tog, K3 (3; 4; 4), yfwd, K2tog, K3.

Row 3: As row 1.

Row 4: K to last st, inc in last st. 16 (16; 18; 18) sts.
Cast off knitwise (on WS).

NECKBAND

Join right shoulder/overarm seam.

With RS facing and using 3.25mm needles, starting at cast-off edge of front buttonhole band, pick up and knit 11 (11; 13; 13) sts down left side of neck, 13 (15; 15; 17) sts from front, 11 (11; 13; 13) sts up right side of neck, 23 (25; 27; 29) sts from back, then 3 sts from end of back button band. 61 (65; 71; 75) sts.

Row 1: (WS) knit.

Row 2: K2, *P1, K1, rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 3: K1, *P1, K1, rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form the rib.

Keeping rib correct, cont as follows:

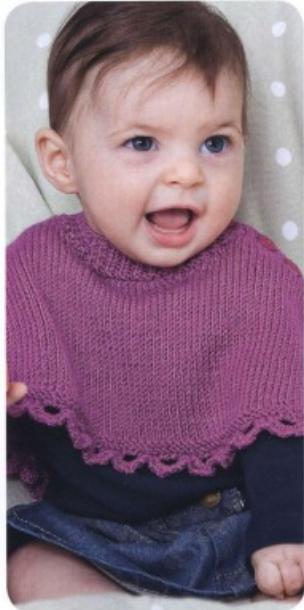
Row 4: (RS) rib 2, ym, work 2 tog, rib to end.

Work in rib for a further 3 rows, ending with a WS row. Cast off in rib.

TO MAKE UP

Join the left shoulder/overarm seam from the cast-on edge to the red marker. Sew the row-end edge of the front buttonhole band to the shaped edge at the top of the seam.

Lay the buttonhole band over the button band and neatly sew the row-end edge of the button band in place on the inside. Sew on the buttons so they correspond with the buttonholes, to finish.



More ideas...

If you enjoyed this project, take a look at the other baby and toddler patterns inside the *Freedom Gorgeous Book 468* from Toppies of Stamford. To find stockists or browse the rest of the range, visit www.tbramsden.co.uk or call 01943 872264.



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You will need

- 1x50g ball each of Patons Fairytale Colour 4 Me DK in Aqua 4957, Pink 4953, Green 4952, Yellow 4960, Red 4967, Blue 4955 and Orange 4951
- Small amount of black yarn for embroidery
- 3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) and 3.75mm (UK 9/US 5) knitting needles
- Safety stuffing or 10cm (4in) square foam blocks

Size

• 10cm (4in) cubes

Tension

- 22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) square over st st, on 3.25mm needles
- Tension isn't critical

Note

- You will need 6 squares for each block

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations, see page 89

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Building blocks

You can knit one of these colourful blocks in just a few hours, using leftover yarn from your stash

BLOCKS

Using yarn colour of your choice and 3.75mm needles, cast on 25 sts. Work 4 rows MS as follows:

Row 1: K1, *p1, k1*, rep from * to * to end.

Row 2: K1, *p1, k1*, rep from * to * to end.

Repeat these 2 rows once more.

Keeping 4 sts either end in MS, work patt as follows:

Row 1: MS 4, knit 17, MS 4.

Row 2: MS 4, purl 17, MS 4.

Repeat these 2 rows 11 times more.

Now work across all sts in MS as before for 4 rows. Cast off in pattern. This completes one side of the block. You need to make a further 5 pieces in different shades, to complete your block.

SMILEY FACES

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn colour of your choice, cast on 55 sts.

Knit 1 row.

Now work pattern as follows:

Row 1: K4, sl1, k2tog, pss0, *k8, sl1, k2tog, pss0*, repeat from * to * to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 2: K3, sl1, k2tog, pss0, *k6, sl1, k2tog, pss0*, repeat from * to * to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 3: K2, sl1, k2tog, pss0, *k4, sl1, k2tog, pss0*, repeat from * to * to last 2 sts, k2.

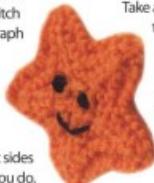
Row 4: K1, sl1, k2tog, pss0, *k2, sl1, k2tog, pss0*, repeat from * to * to last st, k1.

Row 5: *Sl1, k2tog, pss0*, repeat from * to * to end (5 sts).

Break yarn and run through remaining sts, draw up tight and secure, stitch side seam of face. With black yarn, stitch a smiley face, using the photograph as a guide.

TO MAKE UP

With right sides of squares facing, lay two pieces side-by-side, stitch together on the right sides of work, matching the rows as you do.



Take a blunt-ended needle and sew through the tiny 'bumps' of the garter stitch on adjacent rows. Pull together quite firmly and the resulting seam will be almost invisible.

Join the rest of the squares to form a cube shape. Before closing the final seam, either stuff or insert a ready-cut foam block. Sew smiley-faced stars to one or two sides of the block, to finish.

Baby buccaneer

Children love dressing up in fun outfits. This particular one, designed by Alison Jenkins, is great for kids' parties

Knit your baby's first fancy dress costume – they'll want to wear it all the time, not just at parties!

SUCH
FUN FOR
BABY...
& YOU!



You will need

- 3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) and 4mm (UK 8/US 6) knitting needles
- 2x50g balls DK yarn in white (A)
- 4x50g balls DK in black (B)
- 1x50g ball DK yarn in red (C)
- 50cm (20in) of 6mm (1/4in) wide elastic
- Stitch holders
- Tapestry
- Large safety pin
- Sewing needle
- Black sewing thread
- 4 white buttons
- Skull and crossbones patch
- Waist length of 2.5cm (1in) elastic for leggings
- Clear snap fasteners

Size

- 0-3 months: chest 41cm (16in)
- 3-6 months: chest 46cm (18in)
- 6-12 months: chest 51cm (20in)

Tension

- 22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) square over st st, on 4mm needles

Note

- Pattern is worked in st st stripes: 4 rows col B, 4 rows col A

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 89

Deft shaping gives this hat a swashbuckling air. With hat and leggings in black, keep a careful count of the stitches and rows



This pirate's seafaring ensemble, complete with skull and crossbones motif on the hat, is just what baby needs for their first fancy dress party! But it's not just for dressing up – take away the characteristic hat and the striped sweater with its colourful collar looks chic and smart, and can be worn for all sorts of daytime activities. You could also knit the pattern in black and yellow stripes to make a cute buzzy bee outfit. The tunic and leggings have a rolled edge at cuff and hem, which is a nice touch.

PIRATE TOP**BACK**

Using 3.25mm needles and A, cast on 53 (59:65) sts.

Knit 1 row.

Purl 1 row.

Cont in st st for 4 more rows.

With RS facing, work in k1, p1 rib for 3cm (1 1/4in), measured from beg of rib, ending with a WS row. Change to 4mm needles and B, and cont in st st and stripe patt until work measures 23 (27:31) cm or 9 (10 1/4: 12) in from beg of rib, ending with a WS row.

Shoulder shaping

With RS facing, cast-off 8 (9:10) sts at beg of next 2 rows, then 9 (10:11) sts at beg of foll 2 rows.

Slip rem 19 (21:23) sts onto a stitch holder for back neck.

FRONT

Using size 3.25mm needles and A, cast on 53 (59:65) sts.

Knit 1 row.

Purl 1 row.

Cont in st st for 4 more rows.

With RS facing, work in k1, p1 rib for 3cm (1 1/4in), measured from beg of rib, ending with a WS row. Change to 4mm needles and B, and cont in st st and stripe pattern until work measures 18 (22:26) cm or 7 (8 1/2: 10 1/4) in from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Left front neckline shaping

With RS facing, work 22 (24:26) sts, turn, and continue on these sts to make left front. Slip rem sts onto a stitch holder.

Dec 1 st at beg of next and at same edge of foll 4 rows. 17 (19:21) sts.

Cont without shaping until work measures 21 (25:29) cm or

8 1/4 (9 1/2: 11 1/2) in from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Shoulder shaping

With RS facing, cast off 8 (9:10) sts at beg of next row. Work 1 row, then cast off rem 9 (10:11) sts, and fasten off securely.

Right front neckline shaping

Slip 9 (11:13) sts at centre front onto a stitch holder for front neck.

Rejoin yarn, then cont on rem sts, following neckline shaping at neck edge as for left front, then cont without shaping until work measures 23 (27:31) cm or 9 (10 1/2: 12) in from beg of rib, ending with a RS row.

Shoulder shaping

With WS facing, cast off 8 (9:10) sts at beg of next row. Work 1 row, then cast off rem 9 (10:11) sts, and fasten off securely.

SLEEVES (MAKE 2 ALIKE)

Using 3.25mm needles and A, cast on 33 (35:37) sts.

Knit 1 row.

Purl 1 row.

Cont in st st for 4 more rows.

Work in k1, p1 rib for 3cm (1 1/4in), ending with a WS row.

With RS facing, change to 4mm needles and B, and cont in st st and stripe patt.

Sleeve shaping

Inc 1 st at both ends of next and every foll 4th row until there are 45 (49:53) sts.

Cont without shaping until work measures 15 (17:20) cm or 6 (6 1/2:8) in from beg of rib, ending with a WS row.

Armhole shaping

With RS facing, cast off 9 (10:11) sts at beg of next 4 rows. Cast off rem 9 sts, and fasten off securely.

SHOULDER BANDS AND COLLAR

Join right shoulder seam.

BUTTON BAND

With RS facing, using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, pick up and knit 17 (19:21) sts evenly across the left back shoulder edge.

Work in k1, p1 rib for 2cm (3/4in), ending with a WS row.
With RS facing, cast off all sts.

BUTTONHOLE BAND

With RS facing, using 3.25mm needles and A, pick up and knit 17 (19; 21) sts evenly across the left front shoulder edge.

Work in k1, p1 rib for 3 rows.

Buttonhole row: Rib 2 (4; 3) sts, *yrm, k2tog, rib 3 (3; 4); rep from * twice more.

Cont in rib until band measures 2cm (3/4in), ending with a WS row.

With RS facing, cast off all sts.

COLLAR

With RS facing, using 3.25mm needles and A, pick up and knit 18 sts evenly from the top of the buttonhole band and down the left neck edge, then knit 9 (11; 13) sts held on stitch holder at front neck, pick up and knit 18 sts up right front neck, and knit 19 (21; 23) sts held on stitch holder at back neck.

Work in k1, p1 rib for 3 rows, ending with a WS row.

Next row: Rib 3, yrn, k2tog, rib to end.

Rib 3 rows.

Next row: Cast off 3 sts, k to last 3 sts, cast off 3 sts.

Change to C and knit 1 row.

With RS facing, cont in st st for 18 rows.

Cast off all sts, and fasten off securely.

LEGGINGS (MAKE 2 ALIKE)

Using 3.25mm needles and B, cast on 33 (35; 37) sts.

Knit 1 row.

Purl 1 row.

Cont in st st for 6 more rows.

Work in k1, p1 rib for 3cm (1 1/4in), measured from beg of rib and ending with a WS row.

Change to 4mm needles, and cont in st st.

Leg shaping

Inc 1 st at both ends of next and every following 3rd row until you have 57 (63; 67) sts, ending with a WS row.

Crotch shaping

Cast on 3 sts at end of next 2 rows. 63 (69; 73) sts. Cont without shaping until work measures 18 (20; 22) cm or 7 (8; 8 1/2) in from crotch.

Waistband

Change to 3.25mm needles, and work in k1, p1 rib for 8cm (3 1/4in), ending with a WS row.

Cast off all sts, and fasten off securely.

HAT

FRONT BRIM

Using 3.25mm needles and B, cast on 73 (77; 81) sts.

Knit 3 rows.

With RS facing, work in k1, p1 rib for 2 rows. With

RS facing, begin decrease as follows:

Next row: Rib 34 (36; 38) sts, k2tog, k1, k2tog, rib 34 (36; 38) sts.

Next and every alt row: rib all sts.

Next row: Rib 33 (35; 37) sts, k2tog, k1, k2tog, rib 33 (35; 37) sts.

Cont in this way until there are 41 (45; 49) sts.

* Cast on 15 (17; 18) sts at beg of next row and 15 (16; 18) sts on foll row. There are now 71 (78; 85) sts.

Cont in rib for a further 3cm (1 1/4 in), ending with a RS row.

Change to 4mm needles and beg with a k row.

Cont in st st until work measures 10 (11; 12) cm or 4 (4 1/2; 4 3/4) in from *, ending with a purf row.



You could also use this pattern with several leftover yarns to make a rainbow-effect sweater

CROWN SHAPING

With RS facing, begin crown dec as follows:

Row 1: k1, *k2tog, k5; rep from * to end.

Row 2 and every alt row: purl all sts.

Row 3: k1, *k2tog, k4; rep from * to end.

Row 5: k1, *k2tog, k3; rep from * to end.

Row 7: k1, *k2tog, k2; rep from * to end.

Row 9: k1, *k2tog, k1; rep from * to end.

Row 11: k1, *k2tog; rep from * to end.

There are now 11 (12; 13) sts remaining. Break off yarn, draw it through the last sts, pull together tightly, and fasten off securely.

MAKING UP

PIRATE TOP

Overlap buttonhole and button bands at the shoulder edge, and stitch ribbed sections together at shoulder. Measure 11 (12; 13) cm or 4 1/4 (4 1/2; 5 1/2) in down each side edge from the shoulder seam, then mark with pins. Stitch armhole edge of each sleeve in position between the marked points. Join side and sleeve seams. Darn in loose ends on the reverse. Sew on buttons to correspond with buttonholes. Roll collar onto RS, overlap ends and sew 2 clear snap fasteners to edges.

LEGGINGS

Using a tapestry needle and B, join crotch and inside leg seams. Fold ribbed waistband in half, and slip stitch the top edge to the reverse side of last stocking stitch row. Leave a small gap through which to insert the elastic. Cut elastic to fit around the child's waist, allowing 2.5cm (1in) extra for joining. Thread elastic through the casing using a large safety pin. Stitch ends of elastic securely together, then slip stitch gap in the casing closed.

HAT

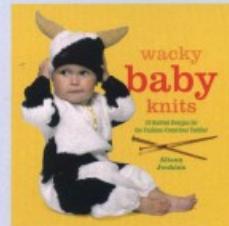
Using a tapestry needle and B, join the hat seam and darn in all ends neatly on the reverse. Fold up the front brim, and slip stitch to the hat. Using matching thread and needle, stitch the skull and crossbones patch to the front brim.



When working in two-colour stripes, carry yarn not in use up the side, catching it in with the first stitch of the k rows. This will keep the edge neat and do away with lots of ends to finish off

More ideas...

Buy *Wacky Baby Knits* (rp £9.99) by Alison Jenkins, and you can knit an entire wardrobe of crazy costumes, including an Elvis hat and tiny biker jacket! For more information or stockists, visit www.aycypress.co.uk or call 01273 487440.



Piggies at play

Get started on this family of friendly piggies today! Designed by Laura Long, they're easy to knit and assemble, with minimal sewing

We think you'll agree that these piggies are far cuter than the real thing! Use your choice of dusky pink yarn to make their bodies; the curly tails can be crocheted or simply plaited from the same yarn.

You'll start knitting the piggies from the nose, then work the rest of the head, followed by the rest of the body, all in one piece. The piggies' ears and legs are

knitted in separate pieces and attached to the body later. Next to the pattern you'll find tension square information, but don't worry if the tension isn't exact – it doesn't matter if the piggies end up a little bigger or smaller than shown.



Top
Tip

You can make bigger pigs using a heavier yarn and thicker needles – try chunky yarn and 5.5mm (UK 5/US 9) needles

PIGGY TOYS *

These toys are so cute
and they'll encourage
imaginative play

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THE
WHOLE
FAMILY





You will need

- 1x50g ball of DK yarn per pig, in pale pink
- 4mm (UK 8/US 6) knitting needles
- 3.5mm (US 4) crochet hook (optional)
- Small amount of brown yarn
- Sewing needle and thread
- Fabric
- Interfacing

Size

- 18cm (7in) long and 13cm (5in) tall

Tension

- 22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm or 4in square, on 4mm needles
- Exact tension is not important

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 89



PIGGIES

HEAD

Cast on 4 sts using 4mm knitting needles.

- Row 1:** [kfb] 3 times, k1.
- Row 2:** P.
- Row 3:** [kfb] 6 times, k1.
- Row 4:** K.
- Row 5:** K3, kfb, k4, kfb, k4.
- Row 6:** P.
- Row 7:** K4, kfb, k4, kfb, k5.
- Row 8:** P.
- Row 9:** K5, kfb, k4, kfb, k6.
- Row 10:** P.
- Row 11:** K6, kfb, k4, kfb, k7.
- Row 12:** P.
- Row 13:** K2 [kfb, k4] 3 times, kfb, k3.
- Row 14:** P.
- Row 15:** K2, kfb, k6, kfb, k4, kfb, k6, kfb, k3.
- Row 16:** P.
- Row 17:** K2, kfb, k8, kfb, k4, kfb, k8, kfb, k3.
- Row 18:** P.
- Row 19:** K2, kfb, k10, kfb, k4, kfb, k10, kfb, k3.
- Row 20:** P.

- Row 21:** K2, kfb, k12, kfb, k4, kfb, k12, kfb, k3.

41 sts.

- Row 22:** P.

- Row 23:** K.

- Row 24:** P.

- Row 25:** K2, skpo, k12, skpo, k5, k2tog, k12, k2tog, k2.

- Row 26:** P.

- Row 27:** K2, skpo, k10, skpo, k5, k2tog, k10, k2tog, k2.

- Row 28:** P.

- Row 29:** K2, skpo, k8, skpo, k5, k2tog, k8, k2tog, k2 (29 sts).

- Row 30:** P.

- Row 31:** K.

- Row 32:** P.

BODY

- Row 33:** K1 [kfb, k1] rep to end of row. (43 sts).

- Row 34:** P.

Work 26 rows in st st.

- Row 35:** K1 [k2tog, k1] rep to end of row.

- Row 36:** P.

- Row 37:** K1 [k2tog] rep to end of row. (15 sts).

- Row 38:** P.

Thread yarn through rem 15 sts and pull together to form the pig's bottom.

Leave a length of thread to sew the pig up.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 3 sts using 4mm knitting needles.

- Row 1:** Kfb, k2.

- Row 2:** Kfb, p3.

- Row 3:** Kfb, k4.

Cont in this way until there are 9 sts.

Work 4 rows in st st.

Run thread through rem sts and pull up to form the base of the pig's ears.

LEGS (MAKE 4)

Cast on 16 sts using 4mm knitting needles.

Work 14 rows in st st.

- Row 15:** [k2tog] rep to end of row.

- Row 16:** P.

Thread yarn through rem sts to close up feet.

TAIL

Use 3.5mm crochet hook to make a chain, leaving approx 10cm (4in) of yarn before 1st chain stitch. Work 18 chains.

Thread yarn through last sts and sew through all the chain sts until you join the initial 7.5cm (3in) of yarn at beg of pig's tail. These 2 yarns are used to sew the tail onto the pig.

Alternatively, plait 3 ends of yarn together for approx 10cm (4in) and use this as the tail. Remember to leave some yarn at the end to sew the tail onto the pig.



The embroidered eyes and nose give the piggies a real sense of character

MAKING UP

BODY

Fold the piggy in half with both knit sides (right sides) together. Sew from each end of the pig (his nose and bottom), leaving a gap of approx 4cm (1½in) in the middle. Turn the pig the right way out so that the knit sides (right sides) are now on the outside. Fill the body with toy stuffing and sew up the gap.

LEGS

Fold legs in half with knit sides together. Sew up from the feet using the saved yarn. Turn the legs the right way out so the knit sides are on the outside. Fill with toy stuffing and sew evenly and tightly to underside of the body.

FEET

Sew the ears to the head, using the shaping as a guide to position them evenly apart.

TAIL

Sew the tail to the centre of the pig's bottom. Twist the tail to make it curly, and then stitch it into place.

FINISHING TOUCHES

Embroider the eyes and nose using little stitches and brown yarn. Using the templates above right, cut four iron-on interfacing-lined fabric feet pads and two ear pads. Position as shown in the photograph and sew on.



All pink pigs are lovely, but why not Swiss darn on some darker patches to make yours more individual? For instructions on Swiss darning, see page 35

TEMPLATES



More ideas...

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Red Riding Hood

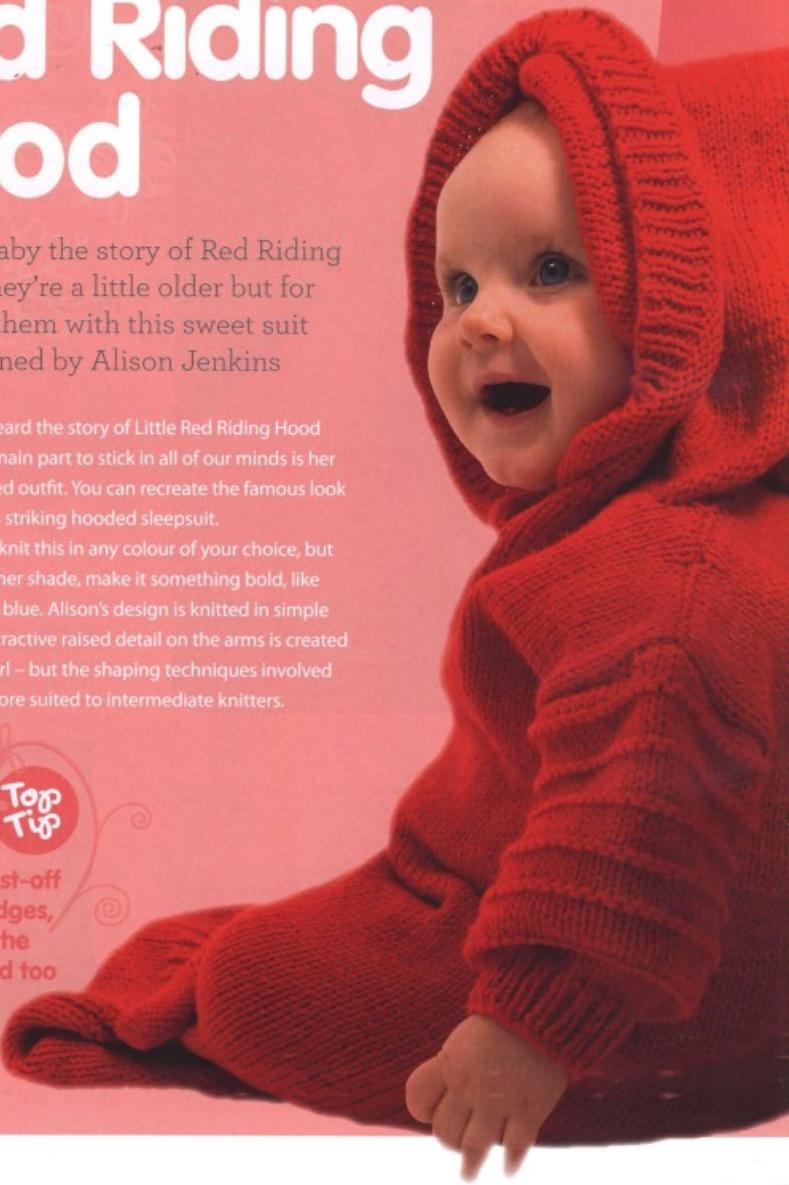
You can tell baby the story of Red Riding Hood when they're a little older but for now, indulge them with this sweet suit instead, designed by Alison Jenkins

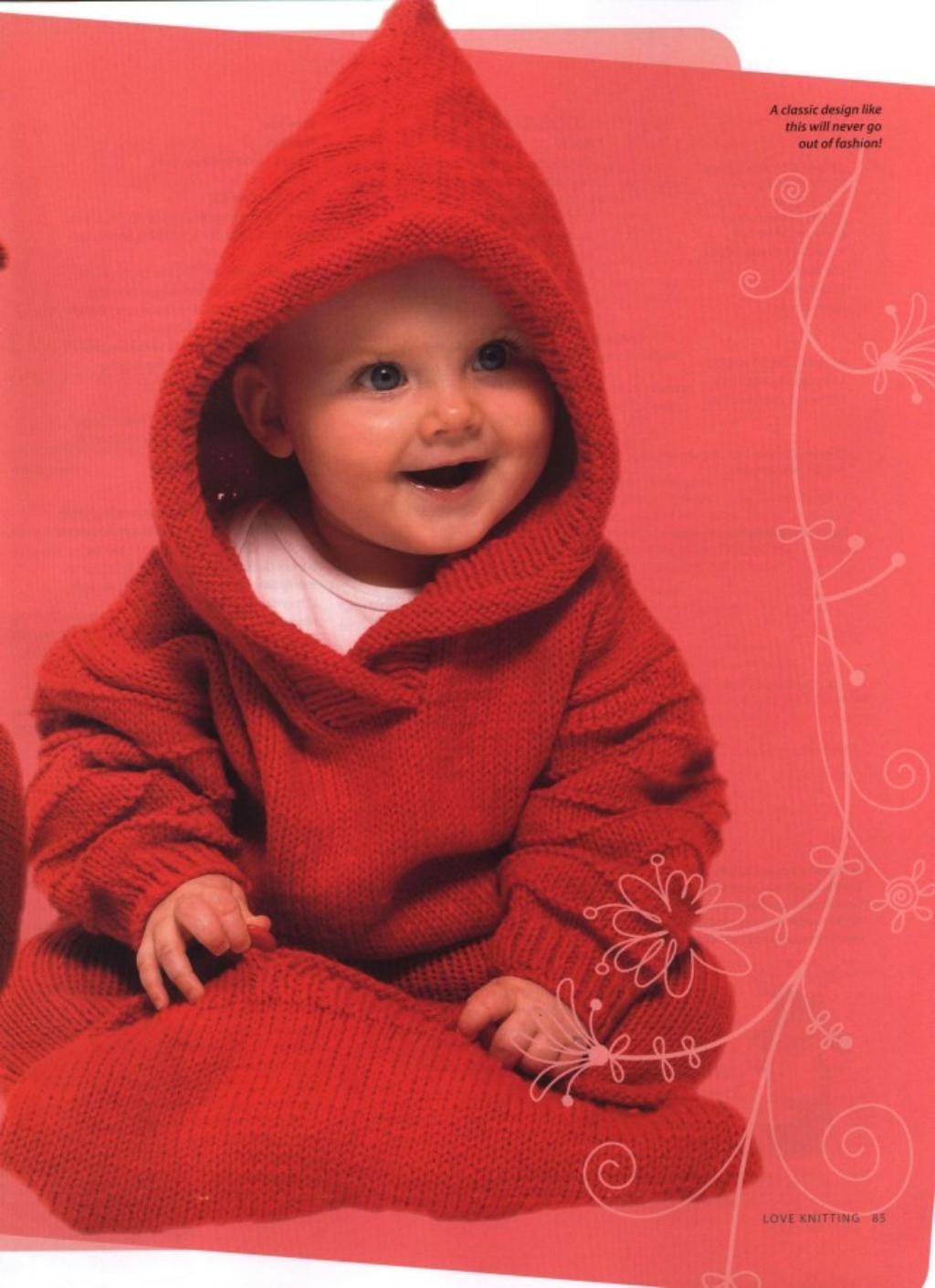
We've all heard the story of Little Red Riding Hood and the main part to stick in all of our minds is her vibrant red outfit. You can recreate the famous look in miniature, with this striking hooded sleepsuit.

Of course, you can knit this in any colour of your choice, but if you do opt for another shade, make it something bold, like purple, green or royal blue. Alison's design is knitted in simple stitches – even the attractive raised detail on the arms is created using just knit and purl – but the shaping techniques involved make this a project more suited to intermediate knitters.

Top Tip

Use a looser cast-off for the rolled edges, such as rib, so the edge isn't pulled too tightly and the loose roll can fall into place





A classic design like
this will never go
out of fashion!

You will need

- 3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) and 4mm (UK 8/US 6) knitting needles
- 3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) and 4mm (UK 8/US 6) circular needles (or double-pointed needles)
- 6 (7: 8) x 50g balls of DK yarn in red
- 4 red buttons
- Stitch holders
- Tapestry needle

Size

- 0-3 months: chest 41cm (16in)
- 3-6 months: chest 46cm (18in)
- 6-12 months: chest 51cm (20in)

Tension

- 22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) square over st st, on 4mm needles

Abbreviations

For standard abbreviations see page 89

Top Tip

You can use a circular needle to knit rows of almost-round shapes like hoods

More ideas...

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**HOODED SLEEP SUIT****BACK**

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 53 (59: 65) sts. Beg with a k row, then cont for 7 more rows in st st.

Work in k1, p1 rib for 4 rows.

Buttonhole row

Rib 6 sts, * cast-off 2 sts, rib 11 (13: 15) sts; rep from * to last 8 sts, cast-off 2 sts, rib to end.

Next row: work in k1, p1 rib, casting on 2 sts over each buttonhole.

Cont in rib for 4 more rows.

With RS facing, change to 4mm needles, and cont in st st until work measures 65 (69: 73) cm or 25½ (27: 28½) in from beg of rib, ending with WS row.

Shoulder shaping

With RS facing, cast-off 8 (9: 10) sts at beg of next 2 rows, then 9 (10: 11) sts at beg of foll 2 rows.

Slip rem 19 (21: 23) sts onto stitch holder for back neck.

FRONT

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 53 (59: 65) sts. Work in k1, p1 rib for 3cm (1½in), ending with a WS row.

Change to 4mm needles, and cont in st st until work measures 44 (48: 52) cm or 17½ (19: 20½) in from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Divide for front opening

With RS facing, work 24 (27: 30) sts, turn, and cont on these sts for left front.

Slip rem sts onto a stitch holder for right front. Cont without shaping until work measures 49 (53: 57) cm or 19½ (21: 22½) in from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Neckline shaping

With WS facing, cast-off 2 (3: 4) sts; work to end. Dec 1 st at end and at same edge of next 5 (5: 5) rows.

Cont without shaping until work measures 53 (57: 61) cm or 21 (22½: 24) in from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Shoulder shaping

Cast-off 8 (9: 10) sts at beg of next row, work 1 row, then cast-off rem 9 (10: 11) sts, and fasten off securely.

Rejoin yarn to sts on stitch holder. Cast-off first 5 sts at centre front, then cont on rem sts for right front, following neckline and shoulder shaping as before, but reversing shapings to make corresponding right front.

PATTERN (FOR SLEEVE)

Row 1: k.

Row 2: p.

Row 3: k.

Row 4: p.

Row 5: k.

Row 6: k.

These 6 rows form the pattern.

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 33 (35: 37) sts. Work in k1, p1 rib for 3cm (1½in), ending with a WS row.

Change to 4mm needles, and cont in sleeve pattern (as above), increasing as follows:

Inc 1 st at both ends of next and every foll 4th row until there are 45 (49: 53) sts.

Cont without shaping until work measures 15 (17: 20) cm or 6 (6½: 8) in from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Armhole shaping

With RS facing, cast-off 9 (10: 11) sts at beg of next 4 rows. Cast-off rem 9 sts, and fasten off.

HOOD

First join the shoulder seams.

With RS facing and 4mm circular needle, pick up and knit 18 (20: 22) sts evenly up right front neck. Knit 19 (21: 23) sts held on stitch holder for back neck, then pick up and knit 18 (20: 22) sts evenly down left front neck. Do not join work in round.

Next row: p.

Inc row: work 18 (20: 22) sts, m1 st between each of next 19 (21: 23) sts, then work to end. Cont in st st until hood measures 20 (22: 25) cm or 8 (9: 10) in, then cast-off all sts, and fasten off. Using a tapestry needle and A, join hood seam.

Note: This design has a rolled edge on the button flap and hood.

BAND

Using 3.25mm circular needle, pick up and knit 12 (12: 12) sts along right front opening to neck, then 46 (52: 58) sts along right side of hood to seam, 46 (52: 58) sts to neck, and 12 (12: 12) sts along left front opening.

Work in k1, p1 rib for 3cm (1½in), ending with a WS row.

Next row: knit all sts.

Cont in st st for 5 more rows, then cast-off all sts in rib, and fasten off securely.

MAKING UP

Measure 11 (12: 13) cm or 4¾ (4¾: 5⅓) in down each side edge from the shoulder seam, and mark with pins. Stitch the armhole edge of each sleeve in position, between marked points.

Join side and sleeve seams. Overlap bands at centre front, and sew lower edges to cast-off edge at centre front opening. Darn in loose ends on reverse. Sew 4 buttons to front, to correspond with buttonholes in the flap.



How to knit

Never knitted before? Follow our step-by-step diagrams and instructions to get started. It's much easier than you think!

CAST ON – THUMB METHOD

■ USE THIS FOR AN EXTRA-STRETCHY EDGE



Make a slipknot with a long tail of 2.5cm (1in) per stitch that the pattern asks you to cast on.



Loop the tail end of the yarn around your left thumb, and slide the needle tip into this loop.

MAKE A SLIPKNOT

■ START ALL KNITTING PROJECTS WITH THIS EASY KNOT



Twist the yarn into a loop, and form a second loop of yarn to pull through the first one.



Tighten the first loop into a knot around the second. This will now be your first cast on stitch.



Wrap the ball end of the yarn anticlockwise around the needle. Push the needle through the loop.



Slide the loop off your thumb and tighten both ends. Repeat steps 2-4 for each stitch.

CAST ON – TWO NEEDLE METHOD

■ USE THIS FOR A STRONG, HARDWEARING EDGE



With the slipknot on your left needle, insert the right needle from front to back of the loop.



Wrap the ball end of the yarn anticlockwise around the right needle. Pull this through the loop.



Insert the left needle tip through the front of this new loop, dropping it off the right needle.



Repeat steps 1-3 as needed, forming new stitches from the top stitch on the left needle.

CAST OFF

■ WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU'VE REACHED THE END



To begin, knit only the first two stitches in the cast-off row.



Push the left needle through the first stitch. Lift it over the second stitch and off the right needle.



With one stitch now on the right needle, knit another stitch and repeat step 2 until you reach the row end.



Cut the yarn leaving a 15cm (6in) tail, and pull the tail through the final cast-off stitch.

KNIT

LEARN THE STITCH THAT EVERYONE'S CRAZY ABOUT



Insert the right needle into the left needle's top stitch, from front to back, with the yarn at the back.



Hold the yarn around your right index finger and wrap it clockwise around the right needle.



Using the right needle, pull this new loop of yarn through the stitch on the left needle.



Ease the stitch off the left needle, keeping the new stitch on the right needle. Repeat these steps.

PURL

A KNIT STITCH ON THE OTHER SIDE



Insert the right needle into the front of the left needle's top stitch, with the yarn at the front.



With your right index finger, wrap the yarn anticlockwise around the top of the right needle.



Using the right needle, pull this new loop of yarn back through the front of the stitch.



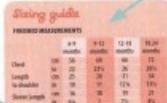
Ease the stitch off the left needle, keeping the new stitch on the right needle. Repeat these steps.

HOW TO FOLLOW A KNITTING PATTERN**YOU WILL NEED**

Our handy shopping list tells you what needles to use, how much yarn to buy and whether you need any extra items such as buttons or zips.



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**TENSION**

The tension tells you how many rows and stitches you need to knit your garment to the correct size. Make a tension square to ensure you're getting it right before you start to knit the project.

RETRO JACKET

MATERIALS

100% cotton

yarn

approx 100g

100m

approx 100m

approx 100m

approx 100m

approx 100m

approx 100m

approx 100m

LEFT FRONT

44cm x 44cm

approx 100g

approx 100m

RIGHT FRONT

44cm x 44cm

approx 100g

approx 100m

BACK

44cm x 44cm

approx 100g

approx 100m

IT'S IN THE DETAIL

The information in these boxes is designed to give you help and guidance with the more intricate aspects of a knitting pattern.

SIZING GUIDE

Consult the sizing guide to find measurements for all the different sizes you can knit the item in.

STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS

alt	alternate	pwise	purlwise
approx	approximately	rem	remaining
beg	beginning	rep	repeat
cm	centimetre(s)	rev	reverse
cont	continue	RS	right side
dc	double crochet	s2togkp	slip 2 sts tog, k 1, pass 2 sts over
dec	decrease	skpo	sl 1, k1, pass the slipped st over
 foll	following/	sl1	slip 1, k1, pass the slipped (ped)
g st	garter stitch	sl1	slip 1 st from the left to right needle
in	inch(es)	sl2	slip 2 sts from the left to right needle
inc	increase	sp	space
K	knit	ssk	slip, slip, knit
k tog	knit together	st(s)	stitch(es)
k2tog	knit 2sts together	st st	stocking stitch
kfb	knit into front and back of stitch	tbl	through the back loop
M1	make 1 stitch	tog	together
MB	make bobble	WS	wrong side
MS	moss stitch	ybk	yarn to the back
P	purl	yf/yfwd	yaml forward
p2tog	purl 2sts together	yo	yaml over
p3tog	purl 3sts together	yrn	yaml around the needle
patt	pattern		
patt2tog	work 2st together in patt		
	pass slipped st over		
pss0	pass slipped st over		